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Children in poverty staring at a life with no future

By **Steve Knight**

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POVERTY is creating a "youth underclass" in Kent with children who believe there is little hope for the future, Prince Charles' charity has warned.

According to a report by the Prince's Trust, one in six young people in the county feel that few or none of their career goals are achievable, with poorer children significantly more likely to hold that opinion.

In Thanet – the most deprived district in Kent – it is estimated that more than a quarter of youngsters are living in poverty, while throughout the rest of the county more than one in seven are growing up below the poverty line.

The Prince's Trust was set up by the heir to the throne to improve the lives of disadvantaged young people.

Its regional director Natalie Ross said: "The aspiration gap between Kent's richest and poorest young people is creating a 'youth underclass' who tragically feel they have no future."

"Our research suggests all young people tend to start life with similarly high aspirations."

"However, those from poorer homes are significantly more likely to lose confidence in their own abilities and ambitions as they approach adulthood."

"We simply cannot ignore this inequality."

According to the Prince's Trust report, which was based

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ARTISTS GOING WILD FOR PRIZE

■ **RARE:** Sam Ault's panda picture could net him the Wildlife Artist of the Year award **SEE PAGE 14**

BROADBAND

£42m high-speed net bid

SUPERFAST broadband could be extended to every corner of Kent if a massive £42 million funding application is approved by the Government.

Some parts of the county, particularly rural areas, suffer from below-standard services – creating a major hindrance to businesses.

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SENTENCING ROW

Rape victims' fury at Clarke

VICTIMS of rape have reacted angrily to the Government's plans that would reduce rapists' jail sentences in return for an early guilty plea.

Family Matters, which supports victims of rape and abuse, wants under-fire Justice Secretary Ken Clarke to rethink his plans. **PAGE 5**

SPORT

Cavaday calls time on tennis

NAOMI Cavaday is focused on raising awareness of eating disorders and depression after retiring from tennis.

The 22-year-old overcame both problems before calling time on her career and will now spend her time talking to aspiring players about her experiences. **PAGE 92**

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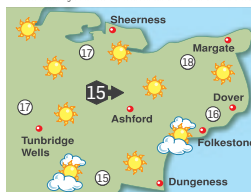
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BROADBAND

New £42m deal could put county online for superfast broadband

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SUPERFAST broadband could be extended to every part of Kent if a massive £42 million government funding application is approved.

County Hall wants to upgrade network access and speeds over the next four years and has presented a business case to the team in charge of the £530m Broadband Delivery UK budget.

Currently about seven per cent of households in Kent have no access to broadband services of any kind, while 40 per cent are unable to achieve fixed-line transfer rates of two megabits per second.

It is hoped this latest initiative will address these issues, with BDUK set to announce the next four projects to receive funding, on Friday, May 27.

Cllr Kevin Lynes, KCC cabinet member for regeneration and economic development, said he was keeping his fingers crossed that the application would be successful.

He added: "This is about KCC taking responsibility for overseeing the rollout of new next-generation broadband across the county for our 1.5 million residents.

"Although broadband is readily available across most of Kent, the difficulty now is that we need more bandwidth.

"Kids expect to be able to

come home from school, log onto Skype, Facebook and so on to upload pictures and download songs and videos, so the requirements are exceeding what's been put into the ground.

"The same goes for businesses that rely on the faster broadband speeds, and in some rural locations it's very difficult for people to get the technology.

"Forty per cent of small businesses are in rural locations and it's they who don't have access to broadband or sufficient bandwidth."

The announcement of the funding bid was made at the NextGen broadband roadshow, held at the River Centre, Tonbridge, on Friday.



UPGRADE: Superfast broadband could be rolled out over four years

Also revealed at the event were the winners of the first round of KCC's £1.5m superfast broadband regeneration fund and £1m community broadband grant programme.

Shepway council, the Lympne and Stanford Partnership and a host of parish coun-

cils were among the grateful recipients of up to £100,000 from the regeneration fund and £50,000 from the community fund.

Tunbridge Wells MP Greg Clark, minister for decentralisation, was among the guest speakers at the roadshow.

CHILD POVERTY

'Need to focus on learning not seen as positive'

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on interviews with more than 2,000 young people aged 16-24 from across the UK, some 12 per cent of children in Kent believe they will end up on benefits for at least part of their lives.

Almost a quarter feel they will never get their dream job, about 42 per cent have nobody in their family whose career they can look up to, and about 16 per cent feel their life has no meaning.

Sue Dunn, head of the 14-24 innovation team at Kent County Council, endorsed the survey and said the authority was working hard to break young

people out of the poverty trap.

"It's an inter-generational problem that has built up over a long period," she said. "The need to focus on learning is often not seen as a positive way out of poverty when children haven't seen it work for their parents or grandparents.

"In Kent we've done a lot of work at pre-16 level, but with youth unemployment rising we recognise we now have to focus our energies on the older age group, and that's what we're doing.

"One of the ways we are tackling the problem is to make learning provision more work-related. Kids want to

own their own house and run their own car when they get older, but to do that they need to be economically active.

"That's why we give them work-related experience in the construction industry, engineering and so on, and we have about 500 young people on that programme in Kent.

"But we do face a challenge due to the Government's scrapping of the educational maintenance allowance (EMA).

"We're worried that pre-16s won't now be able to access their personal choices because of financial barriers, so that is something we will have to address."

Kent currently has three council districts - Thanet, Shepway and Swale - ranked in the top 100 most deprived in the country.

And since 2007, deprivation levels have increased in eight of the 12 Kent districts relative to other areas in England.

The Prince's Trust report was compiled in partnership with the Royal Bank of Scotland Group.

Economist Fionnuala Earley said: "The long-term effects of poverty are far-reaching, leaving many youngsters on the sidelines.

"This lack of confidence and aspirations among young peo-

ple from poor backgrounds also affects their future economic prospects.

"By helping young people into jobs and enterprise we can not only help them to escape poverty and change their lives for the better, but we can help to break down the pattern of low aspirations.

"This will reap wider benefits for the UK economy both now and in the future."

The Prince's Trust is running a free National Citizen Service course for Year 11 school-leavers in Kent this summer.

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FESTIVAL

Let's Go Crazy with Prince at Hop Farm

By Chris Britcher

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MULTI-MILLION selling rock star Prince has been confirmed as a headline performer for this year's Hop Farm Festival.

The Purple Rain star will play an extra third day at the Paddock Wood venue on Sunday, July 3.

It will be the American's only UK date this summer and his first show in the country since his record-breaking 21-night stint in 2007 at the O2 Arena in London.

He will join Friday night headliners The Eagles and Saturday night bill topper Morrissey.

Organisers of the popular festival have added a third day to the previously announced two-day event to accommodate the star, who is playing concerts across Europe, including headlining a festival in Poland 24-hours prior to the Kent show.

Existing ticket holders will be able to upgrade for £40 for the extra day, or £70 Sunday-only tickets will be available. Three-day festival passes will cost £170.

Details of the show leaked out last weekend, before being confirmed on Wednesday morning.

It represents a major coup for festival organiser Vince Power, who has worked with the star in the past and is keen to establish the festival as a major event on the UK's musical calendar.

Mr Power said: "I am really excited about having Prince at the Hop Farm, we have worked hard to get the third day up and running and we hope that fans will appreciate the integrity of the bill and see it's one of the most musically exciting this year that stands head and shoulders above a lot of other festivals."

Prince shot to global fame in 1984 with this multi-million selling Purple Rain album and film. He followed that up with a string of hits including Kiss, Sign O The Times, U Got The Look and Alphabet Street.

He had a public spat with record label Warner Bros and split from the company, daubing the word 'Slave' on his face and changing his name to a symbol.

But he has since changed his name back, and continues to release albums – two of his most recent, Planet Earth and 20Ten, were given away free in lucrative deals with national newspapers.

He continues to dazzle audiences with hit-heavy shows, along with legendary 'aftershows' where he frequently performs at intimate venues in the early hours, and is currently performing another 21-night stint in Los Angeles as part of his Welcome 2 America tour.

Tickets for the Hop Farm Festival, including the Sunday night show, are available now.

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THE ONE: Music legend Prince is the headline star on the third day of the Hop Farm Festival

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ KoS readers back PR

THE county may have rejected the alternative vote, but it seems the Kent electorate would react differently to proportional representation.

In our online poll at kentnews.co.uk, we asked our thousands of readers how they would vote if PR went to a referendum. Some 57 per cent voted 'yes' to 29 per cent saying 'no'. The remaining 14 per cent did not know what PR was.

Under PR, MPs would be elected in line with the proportionate share of the vote of each party.

➔ Thieves shut network

CRIMINALS wrecked a major O2 transmitter station on Monday night, throwing the county's mobile phone reception into chaos.

As a result, users across Kent were unable to get a signal for more than six hours while engineers battled to get the network working.

The thieves were after electronic equipment and broke into the east London station which covers Kent, East Sussex and south east London.

An O2 spokesman apologised to customers.

➔ Covenant law backed

CANTERBURY MP Julian Brazier has backed government plans to enshrine the military covenant in law.

The former Territorial Army officer, whose constituency is home to the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, is also pushing for better NHS treatment for injured soldiers.

He said: "Healthcare provision is important given the injuries local service personnel have sustained on operations. I welcome plans to collocate care so local soldiers are not forced to travel large distances for treatment."

FUNERAL

Boxer Sir Henry Cooper laid to rest

FRIENDS, family, fans and celebrities bid a final farewell to heavyweight boxer Sir Henry Cooper this week.

The private funeral service for the star, who lived for many years in Hildenborough, took place at the Corpus Christi Church in Tonbridge.

Among those attending were Bobby Charlton, Kevin Keegan, Bruce Forsyth, Terry Wogan, Jimmy Tarbuck, Pat Jennings and Faversham's very own boxing hero Barry McGuigan.

The boxer's son, Henry Marco, said: "We have been overwhelmed by the obituaries and messages from all over the world. They are a huge support for the family at this time."



GOODBYE: Sir Henry Cooper

Sir Henry died on Friday, May 1. He was 76.

Twice voted BBC Sports Per-

sonality of the Year – in 1967 and 1970 – he was made an OBE in 1969 and knighted in 2000 for services to charity and boxing.

He was best known for knocking Cassius Clay – who would later become Muhammad Ali – to the canvas during their heavyweight tussle at Wembley Stadium in 1963.

Cooper would go on to lose the bout in highly controversial circumstances.

Upon hearing of his death, Ali said: "Sir Henry was a great fighter and a gentleman."

He lived in Hildenborough up until the death of his wife, Italian-born Albina, in 2008. He died in Surrey.

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REGIONAL GROWTH FUND

Airport chief's plea for regional cash to help east Kent take-off

By Steve Knight

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MANSTON airport's chief executive has called on the Government to recognise east Kent's economic problems when allocating the next round of Regional Growth Fund cash.

Charles Buchanan is working with Kent County Council to submit an improved bid after a previous application for £10 million was rejected by the team in charge of distributing the £1.4 billion pot.

The Manston bid was for a parkway railway station serving the airport, an extension of the high-speed rail network between Ramsgate and Ashford, and cash to fund a daily air service to an undisclosed "European hub" airport.

But the application was dealt a further blow last week when Lord Michael Heseltine – chairman of the RGF independent advisory panel – hinted at a roadshow in Margate that Kent



IGNORED: Manston Airport's first bid for Regional Growth Fund cash

bids were at a disadvantage because the county's residents can travel short distances to London for work.

Mr Buchanan said: "The level that Thanet sits on the national indices of deprivation justifies the support we seek.

"It was made clear to Lord Heseltine at the roadshow that Kent is not entirely wealthy, particularly in the east of the county, and I would

hope he has taken that away with him.

"When dealing with government policy it's normal to have to deal with aggregates and averages; it just depends how local you are developing your policies.

"The Regional Growth Fund is supposed to support local initiatives, therefore we shouldn't be talking about county averages."

Not a single Kent application

was approved following the first round of RGF bids – worth a total of £450m – with only one in the whole of the Kent, Essex and East Sussex Local Enterprise Partnership area being successful.

But Mr Buchanan said the Manston bid was submitted before Pfizer announced it will close its site in nearby Sandwich next year, with the expected loss of more than 3,000 jobs.

The second round, which aims to allocate the remaining £950m of the fund, opened to bids on April 12 and will close at noon on July 1.

"We need to take account of the Pfizer situation because the need for economic stimulation in the area is now much greater," said Mr Buchanan.

"We were disappointed not to have been awarded funding in the first round because we thought our bid had merits."

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POLICE

Estuary base to help police in fight against crime and terror

KENT Police's marine division has a new shore-side base after years of being located 15 miles from water.

The unit, which consists of three boats and is responsible for counter-terrorism and other marine crime, was previously based at Coldharbour near Maidstone, but has now been moved to the Port of Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey.

Chief Constable Ian Learmonth officially opened the new headquarters at a ceremony on Wednesday.

Also in attendance was Sgt Mark Wigston, who has been a member of the marine unit for 11 years.

He said: "Coldharbour was about 15 miles from a suitable waterside launching location, and the amount of time we spent travelling to and from the shore restricted our time on the water.

"Now the Thames Estuary is on the doorstep it makes a huge difference. The move to Sheerness makes perfect sense. We are where we should be – by the water."

YOUTH FOOTBALL

World Cup hero Hurst guest of honour at six-a-side event

ENGLAND 1966 World Cup legend Sir Geoff Hurst is coming to Maidstone this weekend to attend a six-a-side football tournament staged by Barming Youth FC.

The club won Saturday's visit after entering a competition on the FA and McDonald's

website, www.thefa.com/your-game.

Sir Geoff will hand out medals to the teams, take part in a Q&A session, chat to spectators and players, and watch matches at the event staged at St Simon Stock School in Barming, Maidstone.

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HOUSING

Groundbreaking plans to tackle homes issues

By Steve Knight

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GOVERNMENT housing chiefs have been given a comprehensive wish-list in an attempt to improve the availability and affordability of homes in Kent.

A new housing strategy for the county was launched on Tuesday, calling for more support from ministers to improve transport infrastructure, cut red tape in the construction industry, and to make it easier for first-time buyers to get onto the property ladder.

The 66-page document also addresses the need to regenerate key brown-field sites, return empty homes to use, and improve the energy efficiency of existing homes.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter is chairman of the Kent Forum which commissioned the strategy.

He said: "In a county the size of Kent we need to do what the Victorians did so well, and that's to pre-plan for housing growth against the backdrop of significant demand.

"We need to make sure, as [former KCC leader] Sandy Bruce-Lockhart once said, that we plan not just houses but really strong communi-

ties with a sense of purpose and place.

"This county-wide housing strategy is the first of its kind in the country.

"Working with our partners in local councils and housing groups across Kent and Medway, it sets out pragmatic approaches to enable the delivery of the right mix of homes in the right locations."

Entitled Better Homes: Localism, Aspiration and Choice, the strategy addresses a raft of issues including the need to consider vulnerable groups and the support services they require.

It also calls for a bottom-up approach to housing growth in the wake of the abolition of the South East Plan, with district, borough and unitary authorities working together to secure adequate investment for the county.

The strategy also calls on the Government to simplify the regulatory framework for development, make public sector land available for development, and support people's aspirations for home ownership by finding new ways to finance mortgage products.

Sir Bob Kerslake – permanent secretary of the Communities and Local Government (CLG) department – delivered a speech at the launch and con-



BUILDING BLOCKS: Strategy calls for change to way new homes are delivered

gratulated Kent on its forward-thinking attitude.

He said: "Kent is very much ahead of the game and taking leadership of this very important issue.

"Kent is a big deal for the Government as the largest non-metropolitan authority, as a particularly powerful driver of growth in the Thames Gateway region and as a member of one of the largest Local Enterprise Partnerships in the country.

"Our job (at CLG) is to get rid of the barriers to growth and provide incentives for growth in local areas."

As part of the Localism Bill currently going through Parliament, local councils will be given more power to decide their own housing targets.

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ANIMAL EXPORTS

Authority's hands tied over live animal exports at port

By Marijke Cox

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A FORMER Soviet tank carrier is to begin the transportation of live animals through Ramsgate port – reigniting mass opposition from Kent's animal rights campaigners.

Thanet District Council, which runs the port, was faced with legal action unless it allowed live exports to begin after receiving an application from an unnamed company wanting to transport livestock.

Commercial services manager Mark Seed said although the council had resisted strongly, it had no choice but to allow the trade in sheep, pigs and cows to Calais to go ahead.

"We are exceptionally unhappy about this situation and the potential impact such trade could have on the port, but there is no legal basis on which we can refuse the use of the port for this purpose," he said.

"Ramsgate is an open port and companies have a right to use it for the purposes of trade.



LEGAL: Live animal exports

"To take legal action against live animal exports would involve a significant cost to the taxpayer and, as has been shown in previous cases, sadly it is unlikely to prevent it."

Mr Seed said the council was aware of the strong feelings the issue evoked and urged those opposed to take it up at a national level rather than staging protests at the port.

"The last thing we want is to see trade at the port suffer through protests," he added.

In the 1990s campaigners protested against the conditions animals suffered on long journeys from Europe.

Dover Harbour Board tried

to ban livestock ships but lost in the High Court after it was ruled that ports must have an open port policy to legal goods.

Ferry companies, however, are under no obligation to accept live exports.

Brian Rees from P&O said operators argued that protests and a loss of passengers who boycott ferry firms which allowed live exports meant it would not accept livestock.

But independent boat operators still do so and former Soviet tank carrier Joline is now starting the shipment of animals through Kent.

Dover port was unable to accept the vessel due to the berth which allows such shipments being out of use, meaning Ramsgate was the next viable option.

Mr Rees said: "If someone wants to operate a ship within all the rules and regulations to carry legal goods – and the livestock trade is still legal – that's their right and in the defence of free trade the principle is that ports must be receptive to you."

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POLICING

Cut to officer numbers will make on-the-spot fines tough to police

By Marijke Cox

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ON-THE-SPOT fines for bad drivers will be worthless if there are fewer officers to issue them, says the chairman of Kent Police Federation.

Ministers say motorists who tailgate, under-take or cut others up often go unpunished, and that introducing instant penalties of at least £80 and three licence points would be more efficient.

But while welcoming the principle of the plan, KPF chairman Ian Pointon said the expected loss of 500 officers in the county would make it unworkable.

"Of course, it would save officers a lot of time because they would not have to go to court if the driver pays the fine," he said.

"But the big issue for me is that if you have on-the-spot fines then you also need on-the-spot police to issue them, and we're losing 500 in Kent.

"The Government can give us all the new powers it wants, but if we haven't got enough officers on the ground, then what's the point?"

"The other difficulty is that the really ridiculous driving is primarily caught by unmarked police cars.

"People say there are never police around when

they're being tailgated or cut up, but that's because drivers don't really do stupid things when there's a marked patrol car around.

"I suppose the question is if it's a bit of window dressing by the Transport Secretary (Philip Hammond) to allay concerns about the loss of speed cameras and that sort of thing."

Mr Pointon represented the KPF at this week's annual Police Federation conference, when national chairman Paul McKeever accused the Conservatives of "taking revenge" for failed attempts to reform police pay back in 1993.

Meanwhile, a vote in the House of Lords has rejected the planned introduction of police and crime commissioners.

The Government wants to replace police authorities with directly-elected individuals in May next year, but the issue must now return to the House of Commons for further discussion.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes said: "The debate of their Lordships questions the evidence as to whether the introduction of police and crime commissioners is in the interest of taxpayers.

"Indeed, Baroness Harris, who introduced the amendments, said the evidence for making this change was incredibly thin, and that the



FINE: Ministers want drivers to be issued with instant penalties of at least £80 and three licence points

consequences of implementing it have not been properly researched or thought through.

"Our police authority here in Kent has already shared our similar concerns with the Government, in particular the dangers of allowing one individual to have unchecked powers and the potential to bring politics into policing.

"I hope the Government will now take stock and take its time to really consider the concerns highlighted by their Lordships."

CRIME

Phone line offers hate crime victims a voice

VICTIMS of hate crime have been thrown a lifeline with the introduction of a new reporting system aimed at giving sufferers a voice.

Kent Police have set up a dedicated phone line staffed by a specially-trained non-police team to deal with reports of homophobic, racist, religious or disability-related incidents.

It follows research which revealed some victims are reluctant to report incidents directly to police, meaning hate crimes are under-reported in the county.

Det Supt Jon Sutton, head of crime and intelligence at Kent Police, said: "It can have a devastating effect not only on victims, but also families and communities. We want victims to know they have a voice, they will be listened to, and will have a say in the outcome for those perpetrating this type of abuse."

The new phone line will allow people to report all hate incidents relating to their gender, sexual orientation, religion, race, disability or age.

Offenders face harassment warnings, cautions and mediation meetings, or court appearances and possible imprisonment.

Earlier this month a director of public prosecutions Keir Starmer said thousands of disability hate crimes were going unreported with bullying so widespread it was considered routine.

Kent Police figures revealed there were 52 reports of hate crime, including disability, in 2010-11 – 117 when taking incidents deemed too minor for charges to be brought into account – and 35 (96) hate crimes in 2009-10.

Crown Prosecution Service statistics for the county showed there were just six prosecutions for disability hate crime in 2008-09 and 10 in 2010-11.

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SEX EDUCATION BILL

Give girls sex abstinence classes, says MP

By Marijke Cox

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A CONTROVERSIAL bill calling for teenage girls to be given lessons promoting abstinence has been branded discriminatory by sex education experts.

Lisa Nix, from Teaching Lifeskills, based in Sevenoaks, said the 10-minute rule bill introduced by Tory MP Nadine Dorries insinuated that girls alone held the responsibility for sexual activity.

"The proposed bill carries discrimination against boys as well as girls," she said.

"If it were to address sexual promiscuity and teenage pregnancy then it is not difficult to assume both genders should receive the same attention.

"Furthermore, the newly introduced Equality Act 2010 provides the basic framework of protection against direct and indirect discrimination in education, amongst other sectors.

"To introduce a gender specific bill in Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) would certainly be a contradiction to the above."

The bill, which passed its first reading in the House of Commons, called for schools to provide certain additional sex education to girls aged



IT TAKES TWO: Sex education experts say the views of young people should be listened to, as well as MPs

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Whatever we have done so far isn't working. The fact is casual attitudes to sex is one of the things leading to social breakdown.

CONSERVATIVE MP, JULIAN BRAZIER

13-16 and that such education must include information and advice on the benefits of abstinence from sexual activity.

MP for Canterbury Julian Brazier is backing the bill.

"If we are going to teach sex education it is right that young people are made aware of all the options available to them," he said.

"The British Medical Journal found a truly shocking statistic; 93 per cent of teenagers who became pregnant had seen a medical professional prior

to the pregnancy and 71 per cent had discussed contraception.

"Yet the UK has the highest teen pregnancy rates in Western Europe, evidence that whatever we have done so far it isn't working."

Asked whether he believed boys should be included in the abstinence bill, he said: "A number of people didn't vote because it was confined to girls. I would prefer it to include boys as well. It takes two to make a baby."

"The fact is the casual attitudes to sex is one of the things leading to social breakdown."

"I will be talking to Nadine about the inclusion of boys."

Teenage pregnancy rates in Kent are highest in Thanet, although figures in the area decreased from 425 in 2005-2007 to 400 in 2007-2009.

Figures for Medway showed a drop from 258 to 227 pregnancies between 2007 and 2009.

Ms Nix said: "Good SRE should not be about teaching one thing, but about empowering young people with knowledge, practical skills and enough self esteem to be able to make healthy decisions about all their relationships, whether sexual or otherwise."

"As part of an ongoing holistic approach to teaching SRE, teaching children to consider whether they are

ready for a sexual relationship and all the responsibilities that come with that is important, for boys and girls.

"This is not the same as teaching abstinence to girls."

Ms Nix added: "The UK does have the highest teenage pregnancy rate in Europe, but if you look at the countries that have a proportionally lower rate, you will notice that they teach comprehensive programmes of SRE."

"High quality and effective SRE, based on a full needs assessment, taught with continuity and evaluation, will be beneficial to young people."

"Inconsistent and sporadic SRE will not. Instead it will continue to fuel the misguided and mistrustful opponents of this most important subject."

Teaching Lifeskills, which is supported by Kent County Council, offers different teaching packages for SRE at junior and senior level.

Ms Nix said sex and relationship lessons should be compulsory within the National Curriculum.

"At the moment there is no continuity amongst schools across the country as to what is taught," she said.

"It is an emotive subject with many views, and although the comments of MPs and professional organisations are important, it is possibly the younger generations we should be listening to."



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News

CRIME

One in 10 prisoners reoffend within three months of release

By Marijke Cox
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REOFFENDING rates have revealed how one in 10 ex-prisoners ends up back in court within just months of release.

Ministry of Justice figures showed that between January and December last year 9.47 per cent of adult offenders in the county committed a crime in the first three months after leaving prison. The national figure was 9.75 per cent.

Kent Probation Service stressed the organisation was working to tackle reoffending.

A spokeswoman said: "We continually strive to reduce reoffending and protect the public, by working with a variety of partners from the police, health, local authorities and community safety partnerships, to manage offenders'



CONVICT: Almost 10 per cent reoffend within three months

risk and tackle the factors relating to their criminal activities, such as drug and alcohol misuse and poor education."

But Bobby Cummines OBE, an ex-offender and chief executive of Snodland-based Unlock – the National Association of Reformed Offenders – said the problem was the overuse of the prison system and Government's failing to address the cause of crime.

"If someone is locked up for

a short period, when they leave prison they'll know how to break into places, where to buy weapons or drugs – they don't get rehabilitated, they learn to become criminals," he said.

"Prison should be used for dangerous people, but for other offenders there should be community support to ensure they can get trained up, get the skills to get a job and pay their taxes – it costs £47,500 a year to keep one prisoner."

Unlock has secured private investment to push forward with its Diamond Project, which looks to create a community with housing and resources for ex-offenders linking up police, charities, education services and other bodies involved in the rehabilitation of former prisoners. Mr Cummines said the next step is to find land for the project.



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PICTURE PERFECT: Samuel Ault's Panda, Sevina Yate's glacial landscape, Melting Jungfrau and Peter Ganders' Hammerhead School are on the shortlist of 150 artists trying to win this year's Wildlife Artist of the Year

ART COMPETITION

Trio compete for coveted Wildlife Artist of the Year

By Marijke Cox

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THREE talented artists have been chosen by one of the world's top wildlife painters to have their work exhibited at the prestigious Mall Galleries in London.

In addition to the exhibition, Sevina Yates from Minster-on-Sea in Sheerness, Samuel Ault from Erith, and Peter Gander from Herne Bay, will also have the chance of winning £10,000 and the coveted title of Wildlife Artist of the Year.

The three artists stunned judges in a competition run by the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation.

Mr Shepherd, 80, who founded the charity, is an internationally renowned wildlife artist and conservationist. He said the works of the three Kent artists were among the best of the shortlist for 2011.

"Once again the competition has attracted an extraordinarily high standard of work from artists

around the world," he said.

More than 150 shortlisted artworks will be on display from Monday to Saturday, June 6-11, at the Mall Galleries. Sevina Yate's glacial landscape, Melting Jungfrau, will be among them, as well as Samuel Ault's Panda and Peter Ganders' Hammerhead School.

The exhibition brings together wildlife art from amateur and professional artists with profits from sale of artwork supporting endangered animals.

Chief executive officer of the foundation Melanie Shepherd said: "This is a fabulous chance to view some of Britain's well-established and best-loved wildlife artists alongside exciting new talent, while at the same time supporting critically endangered mammals."

The winners will be announced at a private preview evening on June 6 by wildlife photographer and conservationist Mark Carwardine and Mr Shepherd.



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LEGAL

Legal aid cuts could be a threat to low earners

By Steve Knight

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UNDERHANDED employers may take advantage of legal aid cuts at the expense of low earners who cannot afford court fees, a solicitor has warned.

Nick Fairweather – chief executive of Canterbury-based Fairweathers Solicitors – is supporting a Law Society campaign that opposes the Government's plan to cut the legal aid bill by £350 million over four years.

He believes that if low-paid workers lose the ability to take their bosses to court, businesses may get away with mistreating their staff or firing them without good reason.

Mr Fairweather said: "The effect of the cuts will be absolutely huge in Kent as social welfare is expected to be affected and that includes benefits, debt, housing, employment and community care.

"In the whole of east Kent my firm and one other are legally allowed to take about 100 legal aid cases, but that is already inadequate. We could easily do 200-250.

"But that's being swept away so there will be nowhere for people to get employment advice in the whole of east Kent. That's totally unacceptable and gives a green flag to disreputable employers to do whatever they want.

"Why should they do things properly if there's no-one to hold them to account?"

"The picture will be the same throughout Kent and it's the people most in need who seem to be bearing the brunt of the cuts."

Under plans announced by the Ministry of Justice last year, legal aid will only be made routinely available in cases where an applicant's life or liberty is at stake.

The proposals, intended to reduce an annual bill of £2 billion, is thought likely to reduce the number of civil legal aid cases by 500,000.

"The cuts are entirely misconceived on all bases because the perceived economic benefits haven't been thought through," said Mr Fairweather.

"A hell of a lot of work has been done in recent years to properly fund qualified debt and benefit advice, and if you look at patterns of behaviour in housing cases that end up in court it's because people end up in debt or don't have their benefits processed properly."

Last week the director of the award-winning Kent Law School warned that students offering pro-bono services could not be expected to cover for the funding cuts.

The Law Society campaign Sound Off For Justice aims to persuade the Government to rethink the proposals. The campaign website – soundoff-forjustice.org – allows visitors to sign a petition to Justice Secretary Ken Clarke.

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HEALTH

Dry weather to bring yet more sneezes for our hayfever sufferers as pollen count rises

HAYFEVER sufferers in Kent will be the UK's worst affected this year, according to a huge spike in sales for treatments.

Gillingham is the hardest hit in the country, followed by Basildon and Milton Keynes.

Ashford, Maidstone, Whitstable, and Dover all make the top-10 worst hayfever spots.

The best spring weather for decades has resulted in one of the worst bouts of hayfever in recent years, with sufferers creating extra high demand for relief sprays and medicines.

While the extra sunshine and lack of the traditional spring cold snaps have led to a 20-year record strawberry



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What's made this year particularly bad for sufferers is the recent long dry spells have encouraged flowers to make more pollen.

To make matters worse, strong breezes during spring have helped spread the pollen easier and further than usual.

Experts also believe winds have blown over large quantities of pollen from continental Europe.

Sufferers normally start getting symptoms in May, but this year demand for cures has started in March, far earlier than in recent memory.

harvest, the extra pollen being created has caused havoc for the UK's estimated 10 million-plus hayfever sufferers.

Since the beginning of March Tesco pharmacies have seen a 40 per cent increase on the same period last year in sales of relief tablets and sprays.

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CARE HOMES

Private care homes may be facing closure

By Steve Knight

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ELDERLY residents of Southern Cross care homes have been hit by reports the struggling firm plans to close up to 200 of its centres.

The company has been crippled by a combination of public spending cuts and a rising rent

bill, and wants to cut its losses according to claims in the national press.

Southern Cross currently runs 10 care homes in Kent and as yet no assurances have been given about their future.

The GMB union has some 10,000 members employed by the care provider and is accusing the company's landlords

of overcharging by up to £60 per week, per care home bed – totalling around £100 million per year.

Coincidentally, £100m is the same figure Southern Cross is said to need to secure from an investor to save it from collapse.

GMB senior organiser Paul Maloney said: "The situation at

Southern Cross is very serious.

"We have been telling the authorities and the landlords – particularly the largest, the Qatari Investment Authority – that the way the funding spent on the care of the elderly is being used to pay inflated rents is unsustainable, and our warnings have been totally vindicated.

"People playing politics, profits and interest rates with the welfare of 31,000 elderly and vulnerable residents who have served this country all their lives is totally out of order.

"It is a modern outrage made even worse as there are also 44,000 jobs at stake.

"The 750-plus care homes run by Southern Cross, including the 10 in Kent, are not factories failing from a lack of demand but are an essential part of every community which now face ruin due to the combination of privatisation and private equity."

Last week the firm asked landlords to slash rents by up to 30 per cent for the quarter from June, and it is believed sufficient numbers will back



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COASTGUARD

Tug of war over future of emergency vessel

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By Marijke Cox

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FRENCH authorities are to deploy a Navy tug from the Bay of Biscay to the Dover Straits to avoid an "environmental catastrophe".

The move follows a row between France and Britain over the removal of the emergency towing vessel (ETV) the Anglian Monarch from the Channel due to deep spending cuts by the UK Government.

The tug, which is paid for by authorities on both sides of the Channel, is sent to tow stricken ships to safety.

Hundreds of vessels pass through the stretch of water each day carrying oil and chemical waste, and France says the tug helps avoid environmental disaster.

But the British Government says its removal, along with three other UK tugs, will save taxpayers £10 million a year.

The Maritime and Coast-

TOW BOAT: The Anglian Monarch is used to tow stricken vessels

guard Agency said taxpayers should not foot the bill when ships got into trouble at sea.

A spokesman said: "If every time an articulated lorry was to break down and the public had to pay to get it towed, people would not be very happy."

"We are confident capacity in the commercial salvage industry will be enough to cover the removal of the tugs."

But France has now stepped in with an announcement by its secretary of state for transport Thierry Mariani that an RIAS – the equivalent of an ETV – called Abeille Languedoc will be drafted into the straits in September,

when the Anglian Monarch is expected to be removed.

Campaigner Jean Hendry, from Folkestone, said: "The French call them RIAS meaning 'Tugs for Intervention, Assistance and Rescue'."

"Our shipping minister dithers and promises future commercial towing replacement, ignoring that these vessels do so much more than towing."

"This is a cut in a frontline emergency service. Thank goodness for the French appreciation of the dangers of what was once the English Channel."

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CHILD CARE

Urgent plea for parents to join county's foster care network

By Steve Knight

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FOSTER Care Fortnight is being celebrated in Kent with a drive to recruit 120 new parents.

The county is already home to about 700 foster carers but an ever-increasing number of looked-after children means local authorities are always on the lookout for potential new homes.

As part of the campaign that started on Monday, a couple from Hawkinge, near Folkestone, will appear on posters at Kent railway stations to promote the benefits of being foster parents.

Adverts are also running on the video-sharing website YouTube.

KCC cabinet member for specialist children's services, Cllr Jenny Whittle, said: "Our 700 foster carers do an amazing job. They are all making sure a child or young person can get the most out of life, and there are few jobs as rewarding as being a foster carer. But recruiting and training at KCC never stops, and this year we are looking for another 120 people to come forward and join our family of foster carers."

"They can be from all walks of life – single, married or living with a partner, either with or without children. But they need to have a real interest in helping children and be able to offer a child a stable, secure life in a loving family."

Cllr Whittle added that the authority's fostering service offers a range of benefits including financial rewards and training, alongside supervision and professional support.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/fostering or call 0845 330 2968 for more information.

Meanwhile, the county council has enlisted the services of former Barnardo's chief executive Martin Narey to review adoption services.

Mr Narey made headlines last January when he said the prejudiced attitudes of some local authorities and adoption agencies towards white parents adopting minority ethnic children could result in a collapse of adoption rates.

He has now been asked to see what can be done to increase the number of adoptions in Kent and how the council can speed up the process.

He said: "KCC deserves great credit for stepping forward to see whether and how adoptions can be increased in number and completed sooner."

"If they are successful, the lives of some of the most disadvantaged children in the county will be changed dramatically for the better."

Mr Narey will begin his research in July and report back in the autumn.



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Caroline Spelman said the South East has better provision than other parts of the country, despite the warm spring.

Water companies have also said that they do not expect a hosepipe ban.

CHARITY

Work ethic salvation for homeless

By Steve Knight

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A CHARITY for the homeless is helping to prepare for government spending cuts by opening a second-hand furniture shop run entirely by rough sleepers.

The Medway Emmaus store in Rochester High Street will

employ up to 24 workers hoping to turn their lives around, with the group also living together in premises in Chatham known as a 'community'.

The shop will open in July following more than a decade of the charity attempting to establish a community in the towns.

Manager Timi Aladewolu

said: "The services charities such as ours provide are vital in today's society, especially as we are very flexible in accepting anyone from anywhere."

"Society has a tendency of boxing people into certain categories, and those who don't fit in will often fall through the cracks and end up on the streets."

"But it's not a win-win situation because some people don't actually want to work."

"Of course the spending cuts will affect us all and they're going to have some kind of knock-on effect. Joblessness is one of the main reasons why people lose their homes."

Earlier this month Canterbury-based Porchlight charity reported an increase of nearly 25 per cent in a year in the number of people asking for help.

The organisation said 890 people approached it to seek help with finding somewhere to live in 2010, compared to 714 the year before.

Mr Aladewolu said the Medway Emmaus store will initially be staffed by volunteers, with



REBUILDING LIVES:

The Medway Emmaus store in Rochester will employ around 24 homeless people and house them in their own community at premises in Chatham

the community accommodation opening in October.

He said: "Emmaus communities are a special way of helping men and women who have experienced difficulties to get back on their feet and regain a place in society."

"The work ethic is a strong focus within Emmaus communities, and companions agree to work in the enterprise in return for board and lodging and to sign off all state benefits ex-

cept for housing benefit."

"It is this enterprise – initially a shop for Emmaus Medway – that will help people regain their self-esteem and skills, and it become the means to finance the community together with housing benefit."

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From July 8-10 Merton Farm in Canterbury will be transformed into a boutique festival site, with its capacity doubled this year to 10,000 people.

Musical stars lined up for the main stage include The Streets, Ellie Goulding, Echo and

The Bunnymen, Graham Coxon, Everything, The Vaccines, Cornershop, and Example – who is making his third LOTF appearance.

Big-name comedians entertaining the crowds include Sean Hughes and Phil Kay.

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Meanwhile, The Cowshed – formerly the main stage – becomes The Hoe Down. The 2,000 capacity tent will turn into a dance arena.

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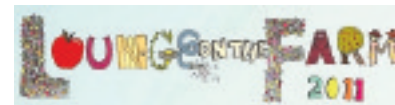
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ENTERTAINMENT

Funny man Ross monkeys about at birthday bash

By Steve Knight

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GEORDIE comic Ross Noble was one of the guests of honour as the University of Kent celebrated 10 years of its stand-up comedy course.

The shaggy-haired funny-man – a regular guest on the BBC panel shows *QI* and *Have I Got News for You* – took part in 10 Monkeys Comedy Festival at the Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury, on Thursday.



Noble, pictured, sat down for an on-stage conversation with the university's comedy lecturer Olly Double, with other final year students on the drama and theatre studies degree performing routines.

But despite Noble's visit to Kent, Mr Double said it would not change his belief that would-be comics should find their own unique style rather than copy those who have already made it.

He said: "I have my own preferences and there are some comedians I want them to be aware of, but it's really important I don't superimpose my interests on students because it would be terrible if they all came out the same."

"I encourage them to have their own comedy tastes and like their own acts. Sometimes it's people I can't stand, but that's absolutely fine."

A former stand-up comedian himself, Mr Double helped launch the comedy module back in 2001, he is also a senior lecturer in drama.

He revealed that the 11 students signed up to the course get to perform regularly in front of their peers, with "thousands and thousands" having watched the shows over the years.

Mr Double said: "It's not just about jokes; it's a whole lot more than that."

"You can write good jokes but you also need to be able to interact with the audience and exaggerate bits of yourself so people will want to see you perform."

EDUCATION

Suspended head steps down from academy

THE principal of the troubled Bishop of Rochester Academy has decided to leave the post.

Christopher Sweetman was suspended from the position in April, following a series of problems at the Chatham school and he has now made the decision to quit.

A letter was sent to all the pupils and their parents or guardians on Tuesday. The academy's sponsors, Rochester Diocesan Board of Education, Canterbury Christ Church University and Medway Council issued a statement saying: "After 21 years working to help young people be the best they can be, Christopher Sweetman has decided to step down from his role as principal of the Bishop of Rochester Academy to pursue his professional mission in a different context."

"He intends to spend time working with ICT companies researching the effective use of technology in school management."

The academy is under the leadership of interim executive principal Andy Reese, who has introduced changes to ensure the academy improves.

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WRESTLING

Wrestling star turns to comedy as main event

By Steve Knight

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BRITISH wrestling star Desmond Wolfe has traded clotheslines for punchlines in an attempt to get his career back on track.

The former Maidstone Grammar School pupil – real name Steven Haworth – has not been seen on television since last September, and has now turned his attention to writing comedy while he awaits a return to the spotlight.

Wolfe, 33, who stars for America's number two grappling promotion TNA (Total Nonstop Action), told KoS he had been keeping himself busy during his time away from the ring.

He said: "I've been up to lots – auditioning for various things, writing and working hard on my physique."

"The sitcom was based on an idea a friend had. It's about a kid from Brixton in south London who gets forced to take a job doing meals on wheels in Brixham, Devon. I'm ready to pitch it if there's any interest. I'm also acting in a community theatre play called Everybody Loves Opal, which was first performed on Broadway in the 1960s."

"It's a very different performing art than wrestling, but being used to hav-

ing an audience watch me has helped."

Wolfe, who grew up in Staplehurst, made his TNA debut in October, 2009, and quickly established himself as a headline act.

But just hours before he was due to appear on a big pay-per-view event last September, Wolfe was mysteriously sent home for "personal reasons" and has not been seen on television since.

The chemistry graduate has suffered a catalogue of injuries in the ring, and the rumour was this had put paid to Wolfe's promising career.

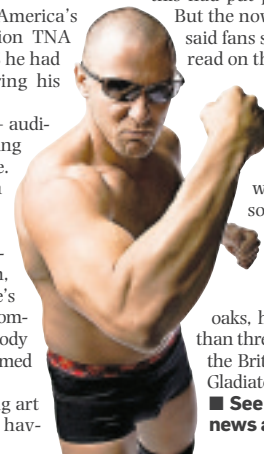
But the now-resident of Louisville, Kentucky, said fans should not believe everything they read on the internet.

He added: "I can't get into the details of my absence here and now, but there have been a few different plans to bring me back in the last few months, none of which materialised. I'm hoping for something soon though."

Meanwhile, Wolfe's fellow Kent grappler Douglas Williams is continuing to enjoy success in TNA.

Williams, 38, who lives in Sevenoaks, has won five championships in less than three years, and is currently one-half of the British Invasion tag team with former Gladiators star Nick 'Oblivion' Aldis.

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GROWING PAIN: MPs are being asked to support a bill to protect the best land



FARMING

Change in planning laws needed to protect country's food security

By Steve Knight

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AGRICULTURAL scientists are backing a Kent MP's quest to prevent councils allowing building on land most suitable for food production.

South Thanet Conservative backbencher Laura Sandys has introduced a bill in Parliament which she says will tighten the country's food security by placing less reliance on European imports.

The motion has been welcomed by those within the agricultural industry including the head of science at East Malling Research, Dr Chris Atkinson.

He said: "Our population is relatively small and isn't going to grow dramatically but we still don't grow a lot of our own food. Our fruit production in particular is pretty terrible because we only grow about 10

per cent of what we eat.

"The implications for the future are that the food we get from abroad may not be available because a lot of the countries we import from may not be suitable any more. Places like Spain, Italy, Greece and other hot areas will run out of water before we do.

"Therefore we have to look at our own housekeeping as well as aiding others abroad.

"There's now more pressure on us to utilise good quality land so the UK can supply more of its own food."

According to Ms Sandys, an over-reliance on foreign imports has left consumers vulnerable to global price spikes, with Kent shoppers bearing the brunt of a 4.6 per cent increase in the cost of food last year.

She says the bill introduced in Parliament last week aims to prevent councils granting plan-

ning permission on Grade 1 agricultural land other than in extreme circumstances.

Ms Sandys said: "We need a statutory defence against those who might want to build on our most productive land.

"Our capacity to produce food is not seen as a strategic asset – not important to the country, its economy or the population's wellbeing – so we must now start regarding food security with the zeal we are approaching energy security.

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OPINION

Have faith in young rebels

Dr Masi Noor, senior lecturer in psychology at Canterbury Christ Church University, says youth has played a big role in Middle Eastern uprisings

THE uprisings across the Middle Eastern countries have had many surprising elements, many of which have been amply analyzed by the media and social commentators.

What has been absent from these analyses, however, is the role of powerful psycho-cultural norms in making it much harder for the young protesters across the region to go out on the streets and rebel.

In particular, their ability to defy some of the norms that are embedded within countries in which Islam is the predominant source of moral influence has been rather impressive for me, both personally as an Afghan and professionally as a social psychologist.

The culture of respect for the elderly and people in authority across the Middle East has played a key role in the autocratic rulers securing social compliance to their regimes.

Typically, such compliance

is achieved through the potent route of emotions, in particular through inducing the powerful emotion of shame.

The constant reference to Egyptians as 'children' by Mubarak during the uprising in Egypt was more than a benign gesture of care and concern.

In fact, an official spokesman of the Mubarak government once asked the parents of these protesting 'children' to call them home.

When a BBC journalist confronted the spokesman by reminding him of the fact that the parents were also on the streets standing in protest next to their children, the indignant official replied that he would call on their grandparents to call them all home.

As if not hard enough, the young protesters must have had to fight off the emotional pressures against their engagement in the protests exerted by their own families, at least

at the initial stages of the protests.

Faced with the uncertainties of whether their young ones will bring about liberation or death onto themselves, naturally most families are likely to object to their children's participation in such risky activities.

Given the central place and power of the family in Islamic societies, it is thus even more impressive how the young protesters have managed to rise against the psychological double-challenge of authority and family.

It is then all the more regrettable to dent the uprisings across the Middle East by linking them to regional and international fundamentalist movements, such as Al-Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood and the likes.

Such conspiracy theories are used by the regional oppressive regimes as effective propaganda, but are also entertained



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Impressive young Islamic protestors had to rise against the double challenge of authority and family

by some fearful observers in the West. The former is understandable, while the latter is unreasonable.

Of course, severe regional and international ramifications can be expected were the radical wing of the Muslim Brotherhood to become the new ruling party in Egypt.

However, considering the psychological and cultural hurdles, let alone the fear of death the young protesters have had to overcome before going out on the streets, our pessimistic prognosis seems more than misplaced.

Have confidence in their creativity to choose the right direction for themselves. Above all, give them a breathing break after all this hard work.

■ Dr Masi Noor is a senior lecturer in social psychology at Canterbury Christ Church University, and specialises in understanding conflict in divided societies.

KOS COMMENT

End spiral of despair for all our futures

IT'S a sad day when the next generation of young people lose hope of a bright career before they have even started working out their future paths.

And to start life believing few or no career goals are achievable doesn't instil confidence that these young people are the future. But it's not their fault poverty has stopped them in their tracks.

It's time to stop what could be a downward spiral and show them education is the way to follow your dreams.

Dover can still win gold from Olympics

DOVER can put on a brave face and say hosting the Olympic torch for one night will make up for not welcoming it to the UK next year, but we all know the truth.

Learning Land's End would be the entry point despite the historic and iconic position of the port town will have hurt. So, the best thing to do is hold those heads high, stage the party to end all parties for the torch, and give the world a reason to watch Dover in the build up to the Olympics.



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Writer wrong over Turner

I WAS most sad to read the blinkered opinion of your reader from Birchington (Letters, May 15) about the new Turner Contemporary, especially in view of the short time it has been open to the public.

I have yet to meet anyone who anything but praise for the venture, and the numbers who have visited since the opening is an indication of the amount of interest it has generated to date.

It may not yet be bursting at the seams like some of the big London galleries, but the writer seemed to have written it off already without looking at the bigger picture.

As he is probably aware there is no charge to enter and if we didn't look to the future and embrace new developments, we would still be very much in the dark ages.

We have nothing else of this calibre in the area at present and it can only encourage visitors, which in turn will help generate additional

income for local businesses.

Your reader is obviously not aware of the saying 'that a mind is like a paraclete – it works best when it is open'!

So he should be prepared to give some support instead of merely inane criticism.

I personally wish the Turner every success and look forward eagerly to the future, especially if local artists are also able to exhibit alongside some of the masters.

JA Deakin, Littlebourne

Security's not up to scratch

BEVERLI Rhodes (KoS, May 15), hit a number of security points on the head.

The simple fact that Justice Hallett would seem blind to reality along with ignoring testimonies from many shows how the system fails us, not forgetting the fact that she is not medically qualified to.

Time does not reduce the death toll.

Maybe she removed the odd red tape in words, but that just plays games with reality. Especially when most recognise our services look after

themselves before the public, irrespective what's claimed

Fact is, having studied terrorism and deployed in international security, I find our general security in the UK a farce. We have a Security Industry Authority format not fit for purpose and a police system that makes criminals of the innocent, while judges let hundreds walk free.

We also have one of the slowest judicial systems in the western world, taking years to conclude what is obvious to millions: 7/7 is but one example of such folly, let alone other such actions. One is safer being a terrorist today than one is a law-abiding citizen.

Our airport security and ports are jokes in real terms.

The questions as to why the 7/7 terrorists succeeded has still not been answered, just as the Hutton enquiry was an obvious sham. Or the Stockwell killing a whitewash.

The list grows longer while governments use overseas wars to spin and misdirect the public. It's time to call on commonsense and reality before America dictates global policy for all – its new goal today.

Derek R Packham, by email

Cruel worker must go, KCC

I HEARD last week of an employee at Kent County Council who has been suspended from their duties.

Why? Because they posted photographs of children with learning difficulties on a wall and underneath wrote derogatory comments about their condition.

When they took time to embellish their handiwork with comments they contained language not fit even for a medieval gutter.

KCC is apparently holding an inquiry.

Well, if all is as we have been lead to believe and he/she or even them is/are found guilty then I hope they are unceremoniously sacked.

Then named, shamed and damned. Dear, oh dear.

M Busby, Birchington

Homelessness is real threat

NATIONALLY 88,000 people are at risk of being made

homeless because of a cut to housing benefit.

In Canterbury single people aged 25-34 will see their benefit slashed from £111.92 to £68.50, as they are forced on to the lower 'shared accommodation rate' of housing benefit.

Accommodation at this rate is frequently inappropriate, unavailable and unaffordable. It is clear a cut of this size will cause huge problems for people already struggling.

I am deeply concerned that this will lead to homelessness in Canterbury and elsewhere.

I very much hope our elected representatives will be vigorous in challenging the Government about this potentially disastrous measure.

Fiona Napier, Elham

Traffic chaos round corner

THANKS to the 42 people in Milton Regis who were kind enough to vote for me.

I congratulate both the winning candidates, Adam Tolhurst and Tony Winckless and hope they do well.

I commiserate with Elvie Lowe who lost her seat despite

being a councillor who was well respected across the political divide. She did work hard for the people of Milton Regis.

One aspect of having a Conservative-controlled council is that Sittingbourne traffic chaos will not improve, as the Conservatives have absolutely no idea to organise traffic systems, so anyone who needs to drive in Sittingbourne must prepare to spend a great deal of time stuck in traffic. The public transport will only get worse.

Sheikh Mihand (aka Jackie Davidson)
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Be that 'one in a million'

I'D LIKE to thank the people of Kent for the generosity they showed during Red Cross Week (1-8 May) this year.

All over the country people volunteered to fundraise by shaking collection buckets, taking on sponsored challenges or holding fun events – all in the hope of raising £1 million for British Red Cross.

Everyone who fundraised or donated is truly 'one in a million', and has contributed to the charity's lifesaving work, both overseas and in the local community.

I have supported the fantastic work of British Red Cross for more than five years now, and have witnessed both international and domestic projects first hand.

In Angola I saw how the international tracing and message service helps to reunite loved ones separated by conflict or disaster.

Here in the UK, I've worked with the organisation to encourage young people to learn first aid skills, and to fundraise through the Dance for Life competition. I've seen the impact the Red Cross can have on people in crisis whoever and wherever they are, which is why I continue to support them.

This year the British Red Cross is aiming to raise more funds than ever before and reach a total of £1 million. It's not too late to donate – you can still contribute at www.redcross.org.uk/redcrossweek.

Please be 'one in a million' and give what you can to the British Red Cross.

Konnie Huq,
broadcaster and British Red Cross supporter

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Sadly this 6pc one-year savings-bond offer really is too good to be true...

Q I received a phone call from First Initial Asset Management, offering me a one-year savings bond paying 6pc. The caller then sent details showing the bond would be issued by Standard Chartered, and payment was to be made by me to an account in Hong Kong. The account could be anyone's but the details show the money is protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. To me, the deal seems almost OK, but my wife is not at all happy.

A If you were thinking of parting with the £5,000 shown on the investment documents you sent to me, then you owe your wife a big thank-you for persuading you to think twice. There are no two ways about it – this is a scam! For a start, according to Companies House there is no such British company as First Initial Asset Management. And there is no such company on the register of the watchdog Financial Services Authority, which means it is not protected by the compensation scheme. Its notepaper shows an address in Shoreditch, on the northern fringes of the City of London. I carried out a full investigation and can confirm it is definitely a bar and not an investment business. If more evidence is needed, take a look at the company's website at <http://firstinitialassetmanagement.com/>. Click through to 'privacy policy' and you will see that the firm gives an address in Cambridge. Yet according to Royal Mail, the postcode shown does not exist. The same website page gives the firm's phone number as 0845 302 5758. This number was used not long ago by a London firm of stockbrokers called Chapman Fischer. The brokers were unlicensed and operating illegally, and the FSA issued a public warning against them last September. On top of all this, why would a huge international bank like Standard Chartered need to offer twice the going rate of interest on its bonds? The answer is that it does not offer 6pc interest, and there are no such bonds. This is a fraud.

Q My daughter suffers from a mental illness, and recently I came across a cheque to her from Npower which she has not cashed. It is dated September, 2008, and is for £40. I have tried to find where to apply for this to be re-issued, but have drawn a complete blank.

A Npower supplies about 8pc of all the electricity used in Britain – but it is owned by a German company called RWE, which might explain why you have had trouble finding the right people to deal with your daughter's out-of-date cheque. Without knowing why Npower sent your daughter £40, I can't be sure either, which is the correct office to approach for a new cheque. But the best starting point is the company secretary. Write to him at Npower, Windmill Hill

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Q Our property deeds are in the names of my wife and myself. We have heard that it might be advantageous to alter the deeds to include our three daughters, to reduce inheritance tax when we die.

A If one tax does not get you, then another one might! Unless your daughters live in the house, they cannot claim it as their tax-exempt residence. So, they might sidestep inheritance tax, only to be hit by capital gains tax when they sell the property. Whether one tax bill might be less than the other depends on the arithmetic, so you should see a local solicitor who can give you a tailor-made calculation. Ask for advice too about what could happen if one daughter dies or is divorced. Would her sisters get her share, or her family? You could end up sharing ownership of your home with your grandchildren or even with a former son-in-law.

Q I have made a will leaving the residue of my estate to be divided between two nieces. The estate is below the inheritance tax starting point, but will they have to pay any other tax?

A There is no income tax, capital gains tax, or any other tax due on your assets when you die – only inheritance tax. If your estate is under the starting point – currently £325,000 – then no tax is due. After debts, funeral expenses and specific bequests, the residue of your estate will all pass to your nieces.

Q I inherited my mother's property and have decided to rent it out rather than sell it. I am hoping for a rental income of about £600 a month. I am a housewife and do not work. Will I have to pay tax on the rents?

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Requests for payday loans jump by 58pc



CASH IN HAND: Yet some payday loans can carry interest rates of up to 2,000pc

THE level of demand for payday loans has shot up in the last month.

Experts have explained the rise in part by the run of bank holidays, including the royal wedding, alongside the rising cost of living.

The number of loans requested through Moneysupermarket.com increased by 58pc in early May, compared to early April.

Experts have warned people to be completely aware of terms and conditions before applying for such loans, which can have their place but can also create significant debt problems.

Payday loans are a form of short-term borrowing aimed at struggling consumers who need to bridge the gap until their next payday. The amounts offered to consumers by payday loan companies usually range from £100 to £300, but this amount can go up to £1,000 in some cases.

If an application is successful, mon-

By Ed Foss

MyMoney 24 writer

ey can be transferred into the borrowers account on the same day, making them extremely attractive to those that need a quick cash injection.

Due to their short-term nature, pay day loans carry extremely high interest rates, some as much as 2,000pc when converted to an annual percentage rate (APR).

These rates vary enormously, but typically, customers borrowing £100 will have to pay back around £125 and the term of the loan is usually set at 31 days – a £300 loan is likely to cost them around £375.

Tim Moss, head of loans and debt at Moneysupermarket, said: "It's no surprise to see the demand for payday loans rise so sharply in the current climate, and particularly around bank holiday periods when people

have been spending more.

These products act as a barometer, giving a unique insight into the state of the nation's finances, and as people continue to feel the pinch, we can expect to see the popularity of these products continue to increase.

"When you convert the interest rate of a pay day loan to an APR, the costs involved can appear exorbitant, however, because of their short-term nature expressing the rate as an APR can be misleading.

"For consumers who need money quickly, it can often be cheaper to borrow using a payday loan than exceeding their overdraft limit without authorisation from their provider.

"However, the use of payday loans comes with a huge caveat. There is a real danger that customers could fall into a spiral of debt where they have to take out a loan each month just to make ends meet."

Payment protection complaints hit 100,000

MORE than a million inquiries were made to the Financial Ombudsman Service in the space of a year.

The service has published its annual review of personal finance disputes and revealed it has to handle around 4,000 inquiries each working day.

Around 200,000 of these end up with disputes dealt with by the service – up more than a quarter on the previous year.

Payment protection insurance complaints have played a huge part

in the figures, as expected.

More than half of new cases, a total of 104,597, were about PPI – the highest number ever received in a year about a single financial product.

The service is an independent organisation that settles disputes between consumers and financial companies.

Natalie Ceeney, chief executive and chief ombudsman, said: "This year has been the busiest in our 10-year history – with over 200,000

disputes referred to us and a million frontline inquiries. This reflects the increased confidence of an ever-more diverse range of consumers getting in touch about a wider range of problems and issues.

"Aside from PPI cases, over the year we've seen encouraging signs of improvements in the way that some businesses are handling complaints – and it's good to see that the number of disputes about some other financial products has now started to fall."

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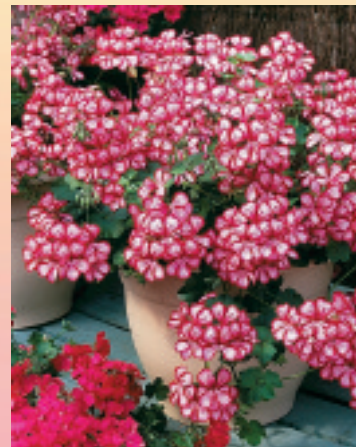
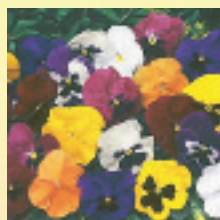
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Think tank's call to tax the big boys of grocery shopping

By Nick Ames

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MAJOR supermarkets should be taxed to subsidise traditional high street shops, according to an influential think tank.

Tax recouped from out-of-town stores should then be used to reduce business rates on small retailers in a bid to bring a greater degree of balance to the UK economy.

The controversial plan to give councils new tax-raising powers is being proposed by the ResPublica think tank whose founder and director, Philip Blond, has close links to Prime Minister David Cameron.

The report – Right to Retail: Can Localism Save Britain's Small Retailers? – argues that Government must do more to rebalance the retail economy away from the "big four" supermarkets, which control nearly 80 per cent of the country's £150bn grocery market.

"Britain every year is less and less a nation of shopkeepers – assets and ownership are concentrating, finance has become the preserve of the City of London and high streets have converged as though by centralised design.

"The UK's 8,151 supermarket outlets today account for 97 per cent of total grocery sales, and 76 per cent of groceries are sold by just the four biggest retailers," the report says

"When we talk about rebalancing the economy, what we are really talking about is shifting back the focus of ownership and economic control to the communities."

Blond, whose ideas have influenced the prime minister's vision of the Big Society, said: "For too long government has viewed big as beautiful when it comes to retail competition.

"That position is unsustainable and we need radical thinking to bring about true competition.

"The number of traditional grocery stores has been declining over many years.

"In 1950 there were around 90,000 butchers and greengrocers. By 2000, this figure had plummeted to fewer than 20,000."

Levies on large retailers are already being discussed in Scotland where the plan has been proposed by the government.

Sainsbury's reaction was to warn that the tax would slow down growth in the country, where the supermarket chain has plans to expand.

Blond added: "The rise of the vast supermarkets with the infrastructure needed to sustain them, a bias in the planning system and their enormous purchasing power has crowded out competition.

"We now have a situation where it is unimaginable that a small family owned shop could grow into a retailing powerhouse such as Tesco or Sainsbury's."



TAX: The report argues that more of a balance is needed against the power of the 'big four' supermarkets which dominate our food shopping

FINANCE

Harbour's profits are in ship shape

DOVER Harbour Board has seemingly sailed through the recession, posting increased profits for 2010.

The company's operating profit was up £100,000 on 2009, standing at £11.9 million. Turnover was down slightly at £57.2 million, from £58.5 million, but the firm managed to cut costs by three per cent. Passenger numbers rose by 0.8 per cent.

DHB chief executive Bob Goldfield said: "We have achieved a very good set of results against a backdrop of extremely challenging economic conditions and within the constraints imposed by our current Trust Port status.

"This not only illustrates that the port is a strong and robust business, but that the time is right for us to build on that reputation and success by further growing the business and providing the world class facility that present and future users and stakeholders deserve."

During 2010 DHB attained a number of awards and accreditations, while the number of road collisions in the port halved.



ABOVE PAR: Tiger Woods in full swing

TRAINING

Open offer to all hospitality firms

LEISURE, travel and tourism businesses are being urged to swing into action ready to greet thousands of golfing enthusiasts heading to east Kent for The Open Championship in July.

Visit Kent, the county's tourism promoters, is organising a series of customer service training courses specifically tailored for those entertaining or providing services or accommodation during the tournament, which will feature the world's top players such as Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy.

The courses are being held in Dover on Tuesday June 14, in Margate on Wednesday 15, and in Canterbury on Thursday 16.

Visit Kent's Cheryl Parker said: "The courses will focus on all aspects of delivering exceptional customer service and tackle issues such as accessibility, working with older people and building long term relationships across a business to encourage repeat bookings and visits."

The Open is being held at Royal St George's Golf Club, Sandwich, in July.

EMPLOYMENT

Supermarket sets sights on St George

WAITROSE has announced plans for its first shop in Canterbury, a move which is set to create up to 180 new jobs.

The retailer will open a 25,000 sq ft food store and 230 customer car park spaces in St George's Place.

Whilst still subject to receiving change of use planning permission, Waitrose is hoping to welcome its very first customers in Canterbury through its doors by the end of this year.

The site, originally a Safeway supermarket, is currently anchored by an Aldi supermarket which, along with Buggy's Ice 'n Bowl, is closing down.

Waitrose director of development Nigel Keen said: "This is a really exciting opportunity for our business as the St George's Place site provides us with the perfect platform for us to bring substantial benefits to the area, including a significant number of new jobs, a wider choice of quality shopping facilities and services together with opportunities for local food and drink producers.

Waitrose has 11 stores in Kent and is set to open one in Sidcup later this year.

COMMENT

UK taxpayers will not have to contribute to any Euro bailouts after 2013, it has been revealed.

The agreement with other EU nations could save the UK billions of pounds – allowing Government to pump this cash into our under-funded frontline services.

The announcement came just days after Chancellor George Osborne made his position clear on a potential second bailout of Greece: he wanted no part in it.

And you can understand why. The UK has already given £7 billion to prop up the Irish Republic's economy, £1.2 billion through the International Monetary Fund to rescue Greece last year, and it will now hand £4.3 billion to Portugal.

The collapse of the single currency would undoubtedly harm the UK economy, but greater harm is being caused by throwing billions of pounds each year – that we don't have and can't afford – to failing countries.

We have enough issues of our own right now and should focus on ensuring we recover from the recession before we look to help our European neighbours.

So congratulations go to Mr Osborne – a Government minister who has put British interests first.

Now it is vital he sticks to his position and focuses on UK job-creation and growth.

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Ferry operator is riding the crest of a wave after merger

WITH the merger of Norfolkline and DFDS Seaways, a major new player entered the competitive market of cross-Channel ferries.

The latest figures show the Danish-owned company has increased its market share for a sixth consecutive year in 2010 and cemented its position as the No2 car-ferry-operator in Dover with a 30 per cent market share, behind P&O.

Figures from IRN (FerryStats) reveal that during 2010 DFDS Seaways carried more than 850,000 cars between Dover and Dunkirk – more than a ten-fold increase on the 81,000 cars carried in 2003.

DFDS is northern Europe's largest integrated shipping and logistics company.

Its Seaways arm operates a network of 30 routes with 60 freight and passenger ships, while DFDS Logistics provides freight solutions in Europe with trailers, containers and rail.

In the UK, the company operates three passenger service routes – Dover to Dunkirk, Newcastle to Amsterdam and Harwich to Esbjerg.

DFDS has 5,000 employees in 20 countries, and revenue is set to reach DKK 12 billion in 2011 (£1.41 billion).

The company was founded in 1866, is headquartered in Copenhagen and listed on NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen. DFDS is an abbreviation of Det Forenede Dampskibs-Selskab – literally The United Steamship Company.

A formal statement on the merger was issued recently by Niels Smedegaard, chief executive.

He said: "The integration of Norfolkline is progressing faster and better than expected. The results for 2010 and expectations for 2011 show that the acquisition clearly created value. At the end of this year we expect that the synergies [income derived from

The BIG Interview

Reporter **Nick Ames** talks to DFDS Seaways passenger director Chris Newey, who says the company's merger with Norfolkline last year has allowed it to be more competitive and offer more to cross-Channel passengers looking to get to and from the Continent



mergers] will reach about 180 million kroner (£21.1 million) on an annual basis. We have also created value for our shareholders by selling or closing loss-making routes."

The Dover-Dunkirk ferry-operator began its service as Norfolkline and merged with DFDS to become DFDS Seaways in July 2010, after approval from the European Court the previous month.

Chris Newey is the company's passenger director, based in Dover. He joined the company in August 2004.

Before the DFDS deal the company was owned by another Danish concern, Maersk, which also had interests in freight-container-shipping and oil exploration.

"I feel the merger has meant more of a focus is now on ferry shipping," said Newey.

"Because DFDS has a great deal of experience in transporting vehicles and people over short distances – it also operates ferry services in the Baltic – our operations have received more of a singular focus from the company."

"We are in a hugely competitive market in the way that airlines, for instance, are not. There may be many aircraft flying from one particular airport, but they are not all heading for the same place and vying for the same market share."

"From Dover all ferry traffic is heading for the Continent, whether it is Calais or Dunkirk."

"We feel we can offer passengers a different perspective on travel from other companies. Learning from the experience DFDS has – and what we learnt as Norfolkline – we have bought in something for every traveller."

"Dining, for instance – each ship has three options. There is fast food – burgers, pizzas and the like on offer – along with a self-service buffet and a tablecloth experience with full-service bistro."

"So there is something for families with children, something for people on a short break and something that appeals to business people or couples on holiday. Next month we are introducing Costa Coffee, so that will be another option available."

Being part of a larger company has also allowed DFDS to be more competitive in its outlay for necessary services, according to Newey.

"Where we need new systems for our ships we can pool the costs with our other routes – the cost of development can be spread over the three lines which run from the UK."

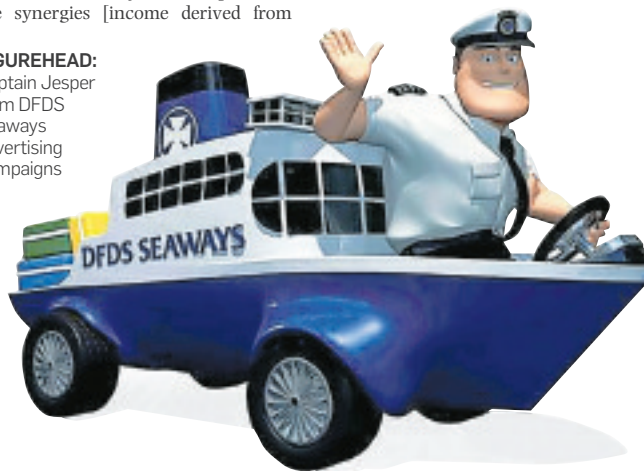
The company runs three vessels from Dover on the Dunkirk run, which takes two hours to complete. They are the 40,000-tonne ships Dunkirk Seaways, Delft Seaways and Dover Seaways. Each can carry up to 1,000 passengers and 300 vehicles.

"The operations of the ferries is vital to the economy here in Dover and the rest of east Kent," said Newey.

"I view competition as a good thing as well. It keeps us on our toes and we need to ensure that we continually re-

FIGUREHEAD:

Captain Jesper from DFDS Seaways advertising campaigns



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Dover-Dunkirk

ONBOARD, DFDS Seaways offers a variety of food outlets to suit all tastes and budgets and has a dedicated children's play area – with ball ponds and climbing frames for families travelling with small children.

Ferry crossings from Dover to Dunkirk are designed for people travelling with their own vehicles, which means no foot passengers but plenty of space onboard for sitting and relaxing.

Fares for journeys between Dover and Dunkirk start from £25 each way for a car and up to four passengers. For those who are planning something extra-special, passengers can also choose to upgrade to the VIP lounge, which costs from £12 extra per person each way.

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“A significant proportion of our traffic is inbound into the UK and the position of Dunkirk is an advantage when it comes to taking in vehicles from Germany, Belgium and Holland as well as further afield. It is more convenient for operators from eastern and central Europe – places such as Latvia, Lithuania and Poland.

“I don't think it is possible to guarantee anything in business, but it is true that we are now established as one of the major operators in the cross-Channel market, and while that continues I am sure the company will continue to invest in our operations and enable it to grow.”

Chris Newey, a man with a beard wearing an orange high-visibility jacket, is seated at a desk in an office. Behind him is a large screen showing a cartoon character in a white uniform holding a trophy that says "Best ferry company". The DFDS SEAWAYS logo is visible on the screen.

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TRAVEL

Canadian stop for Saga ship

SAGA is adding a new destination for its cruise ships – Pictou in Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Saga Pearl II is set to visit the town in September 2012 and staff from the holiday company are planning a site visit and talks later this year.

The Sandgate-based tour operators said sales for the north Atlantic cruise, which includes the town are likely to be strong. The move by the prestigious Kent business has been warmly welcomed by officials in Canada.

Pictou County Development Agency boss Katy MacDonald said: "The cruise business in Nova Scotia is growing year after year, and we are excited that such a well-known line has added the Port of Pictou to their visitor list."

"The Committee has been working diligently over the last five years in partnership with Atlantic Canada Cruise Association to attract ships to smaller ports in soliciting new business and to seek business from existing cruise companies that have Atlantic Canada on their itineraries."

PARTNERSHIP

FA and insurer in sponsor deal

KENT FA has made a major summer signing – bringing in Tokio Marine Europe as their principal sponsors.

The non-profit organisation, responsible for promoting grassroots football across the county, agreed terms with the commercial insurance company earlier this month.

Kent FA chief executive Paul Dolan said: "This deal illustrates the company's commitment to supporting the development of grassroots football in the county and the financial support from the partnership will allow us to continue to lead the way in providing football opportunities for everyone."

Tokio Marine insures a wide range of football related clients, from grassroots players up to Premiership Clubs.

The firm's Ian Monahan said: "We are proud to be invited to work with and sponsor the Kent FA. Supporting and developing football at all levels is something the company is passionate about."

INVESTMENT

Radar project underway

WORK has begun on building a multi-million pound radar system at Manston Airport.

The new primary and secondary radar system will play a large part of the freight and passenger airport's future and is designed to serve the projected growth of the site during the next 15 to 20 years.

The state-of-the-art devices have been funded by airport owners Infratil and offshore wind farm operators.

Manston chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "This major investment demonstrates our owner's commitment to the future of the airport."

"Through this investment the airport is able to ensure the continued safe movement of planes in and out of the airport and the operation of the two nationally important wind farms by London Array and Vattenfall, which will deliver 1.3 gigawatts of renewable energy, enough electricity for approximately one million households."

The new system is expected to be ready by 2012.

Interest rate rise casts a dark economic cloud

By Nick Ames

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PLANS to raise interest rates could lead to a return to the economic dark days of the 1980s, according to a leading Labour politician.

Paul Clark, who was MP for Gillingham and Rainham from 1997 to 2010, issued his stark warning after experts stated an interest rate rise to halt a growth in inflation is imminent.

The Bank of England governor Mervyn said families should prepare for a rise, ending two years of historic lows.

Mr King suggested the rise in inflation – which the Bank said could hit five per cent in the final months of 2011 – has meant the possibility of an increase.

He said: "Bank rates cannot stay at this level indefinitely, and at some point it will return to more normal levels."

Mr Clark, Labour spokesman for Kent, said: "Mervyn King's words and the latest predictions of the Bank of England will strike fear at the very heart of families and businesses alike throughout Kent."

"The threat of interest rates being raised will remind businessmen and women of the last Tory government and double digit rates in the 80s and 90s, that crippled British business, forcing many to go to the wall and many thousands of people made redundant."

Higher borrowing costs could now be a major problem for homeowners, many of whom felt that – at least in the short term – monthly mortgage



WARNING: Former Labour MP Paul Clark foresees tough times

repayments would stay low.

Mr Clark said: "Higher interest rates will do nothing to help reassure businesses within Kent that the future is rosy."

"Already confidence has been undermined by the downgrading of forecast growth for 2011, by the Government's Office for Budget Responsibility four times in 12 months – from 2.6 per cent in June, 2010, to 2.3 per cent after George Osborne's emergency budget; then to 2.1 per cent after the coalition's spending review; and to 1.7 per cent after this year's budget."

"Now the governor of the Bank of England is downgrading it still further at about 1.5 per cent in six months."

"Cutting too deep and too fast, as this government is doing, is a vicious circle. The slower growth, higher unemployment and higher inflation that Mr Osborne's policies have delivered mean the Government will now have to borrow £46

billion more than they were planning a few months ago.

"In contrast, a year ago, Labour's plans to support the recovery saw the economy start to grow strongly, unemployment fall and borrowing come in over £2.1bn lower than forecast."

"But our plan was based on restoring strong, sustainable growth, getting people back into work, and then beginning the difficult task of cutting spending and raising taxes where necessary."

"The commitment to halve the deficit in four years was the same commitment agreed to by all G20 countries."

A rate rise to one per cent would increase monthly repayments on an average £150,000 variable rate mortgage by £43 a month or £516 a year.

On current estimates across the UK two-thirds of homeowners have a variable rate mortgage, meaning nearly eight million households would pay more.

The warning comes as household gas bills are set to jump by an average of £100 and electricity bills by £50 in the next nine months – with no respite for a further two years.

At present, the average gas bill is £666 a year and the average electricity bill is £473.

In its report, the Bank also downgraded its economic growth forecasts for this year from around two per cent to 1.75 per cent, and said the squeeze on living standards would last longer than initially thought.



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Boris gives young entrepreneurs a boost with business bootcamps

BUDDING entrepreneurs are being urged to sign up for a series of tailor-made Business Bootcamps.

The multi-sector start-up scheme was launched by Mayor of London Boris Johnson.

It is hoped the capital-based initiative will give 1,000 young business hopefuls the opportunity to develop the key skills they will need to build successful companies.

Mr Johnson said: "London is brimming with entrepreneurial spirit across a huge range of sectors; from fashion to finance, science to technology, hospitality and the arts."

"New enterprising start-ups are going to be ever more important to our city's prosperity and as we continue to creep out of recession we must do all we can to support those with the brightest ideas. These brilliant bootcamps will help budding entrepreneurs to get the inside track from the experts on how to start and grow successful, thriving companies."

Specialist bootcamps will be offered in fields including digital and mobile technology, fashion, hospitality, entertainment, creative and bio-tech industries.

The scheme has been funded by £275,000 from the Royal Bank of Scotland and £135,000 from the EU's Interreg pot.

RBS' business and commercial banking chief executive Ian Cowie said: "Helping new businesses succeed is crucial to economic recovery and London start-ups will play a huge role in this."

"We're helping more businesses get off the ground than any other bank and of the 2,000 new business start-ups we support across Britain each week, one in four are based in London. We're investing in this programme to help more new businesses to get access to quality advice early on."

For more information visit www.thebusiness-bootcamp.org.



New depot helping firm move forward in these difficult times

By Simon Robinson

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WORK continues to gather pace at family-owned haulage company Alan Firmin's new bespoke transport and distribution depot.

The established transport, distribution and warehousing company began construction work on their new transport development at Kemsley Business Park, Sittingbourne, in February.

The project includes extensive trailer parking facilities, offices, warehouse, covered loading area and dedicated trailer servicing bay.

The depot is expected to be finished by November this year, at which time the company will move from its current Snodland base.

The total cost of the build – including land, design, brickwork and custom-fit – represents a £5 million investment.

Director Paul Denyer said the Sittingbourne headquarters would lead to growth.

"It's a springboard for us," he said. "We're hoping the new depot will bring in more business, and it has to as the development needs to pay for itself."

"There will be more work which will lead to new employment opportunities."

Denyer said the new six-acre Sittingbourne site was chosen for a number of reasons.

He said: "The plot gives us



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These are very exciting times for us in what is an uncertain economy

PAUL DENYER

THE FUTURE: The depot is expected to be complete in November

a bigger lorry park. At the moment our Snodland site is mainly warehouse and we have to rent additional lorry space.

"The Sittingbourne relocation also brings us nearer to our main client base, improving efficiencies."

Denyer added that the firm was keen for the November deadline to come.

"These are very exciting times for us in what is a diffi-

cult and uncertain economy," he said.

"Very few businesses are doing what we're doing and very few will ever have the opportunity to do so."

Formed in 1928, Alan Firmin has grown to a company with total assets of more than £50m and a turnover of £16m.

The company employs more than 100 members of staff and has a fleet of more than 180 vehicles, trailers and tractors.

Performance index puts our hauliers at risk of bankruptcy as fuel prices continue rising

SMALL to medium hauliers remain at significant risk of bankruptcy, according to new research.

The bleak prediction was made by Bibby Financial Services, which found that more than half of the UK logistics firms had to cut costs during the first quarter after a slow start to the year.

Bibby's chief executive Edward Rimmer said small firms across the sector would find it most difficult to keep their heads above water, despite growth in March.

"The SMEs will be in the greatest danger, as the cost of fuel bites deeper into profits of business managers and owners."

Established Kent-based firm Derek Linch Haulage was one of the biggest



CASUALTY: Derek Linch Haulage had to close recently due to rising fuel prices

casualties of Q1, closing its doors after more than 34 years in business.

The family-owned company, which traded out of Romney Marsh, ran 20 trucks and employed 31 members of staff, who all lost their jobs.

Director Derek Linch said in March the loss of a big client and the rising price of fuel had forced his hand.

"We are closing the doors at 5pm on March 14," he said. "This is a very sad thing to have to do."

The Bibby index revealed that of the logistics firms tracked, 59 per cent said they had cut costs ahead of further predicted price pressures.

Nearly half of respondents said they were in a worse position than they were a year ago.

Rimmer said all companies in the industry had to remain vigilant.

"It is imperative that firms of all sizes have funding in place to secure their business performance or even invest in opportunities for growth."



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EX-SERVICEMEN and women are being recruited by BT to help deliver super-fast broadband across the UK.

The communications giant plans to take on 200 former Army, Navy and RAF personnel – including about 25 in Kent – as part of its Openreach business network scheme.

They will form part of a mobile engineering workforce which will help to deploy super-fast broadband to two-thirds of all UK premises by the end of 2015.

Openreach chief executive Olivia Garfield said: "It's fantastic we've been able to recruit so many ex-armed services personnel.

"These people have served their country well and so deserve the chance of full-time employment with a generous reward package. They are highly-skilled, motivated and disciplined and have experience of complex engineering tasks in challenging environments.

"Our fast-track recruitment programme should see the majority of them join us by the end of May and, given their experience, we will be able to train them up quickly and get them straight out where we need them."

BT has been working on the broadband scheme with the Career Transition Partnership (CTP), which provides career guidance, training, and employment support to those leaving the Armed Forces.

The CTP is an arrangement between the Ministry of Defence and the global career management firm Right Management.

Lt Cdr Mark Walker from the MoD's training, education, skills and resettlement team said: "We are delighted Openreach has recognised the talent, skills and versatility of our service leavers, especially targeting them for recruitment.

"We strongly welcome this initiative and its promise of rewarding employment and career opportunities for many Armed Forces personnel."

CTP managing director David Duffy added: "We have had an amazing success rate with this project and have received tremendous feedback about the high calibre of the service leavers who have applied for the roles on offer.

"This reflects the highly sought-after skill sets, ability and attitude of those leaving the Armed Forces."

Practical skills in the spotlight for VQ Day

By Steve Knight

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VOCATIONAL learning will be celebrated in Kent next month with the arrival of the fourth annual VQ Day.

Organised by the independent education foundation Edge, the national event aims to raise the status of practical learning and celebrate the achievements of those who study vocational subjects such as hairdressing, catering and construction.

Schools, colleges and other supporters across the county are expected to take part in VQ Day, on June 22.

Edge chief executive Peter Mitchell said: "We believe every young person should be given the opportunity to succeed with access to practical and vocational learning as well as academic study, and those who choose to do so should have their achievements celebrated.

"With the Government showing increasing support for vocational pathways, the tide is turning in our favour.

"Vocational qualifications have never been more important to the economy and the individual; they deliver the trained, talented employees businesses are crying out for and ensure young people have the skills needed to succeed in work and life."

Last March a Government-commissioned review of vocational training by education expert Professor Alison Wolf recognised Kent's training centres as "beacons of excellence" that ensure young people can access the specialist programmes they want.

There are currently standalone vocational centres in Dover and Thanet, with two in Swale and one due to open in Maidstone.

The rest are based in schools including Thamesview School in Gravesend, Herne Bay High School, the Towers School in Ashford, and Pent Valley in Folkestone.

Kent County Council leader Cllr Paul Carter said at the time: "I strongly believe that one size does not fit all when it comes to education, which is why Kent has championed and pioneered vocational education alongside the traditional academic subjects.

"There are more than 8,000 students in Kent benefiting from this trail-blazing programme, learning skills which employers in the county are crying out for."

A VQ is a recognised qualification at any level relating to a particular line of work or specific job role, with an emphasis on the assessment of practical skills and knowledge.

Examples include BTECs, City and Guilds and apprenticeships.

Edge chairman Lord Kenneth Baker said: "VQ Day offers a great opportunity for colleges, businesses and educationalists to come together and celebrate the achievements of vocational learners.

"Vocational qualifications offer unrivalled training and learning opportunities for students while helping to meet the needs of employers looking for specific skill-sets."

Visit www.vqday.org.uk for more details including information on how to get involved.



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New learning programme aims to change art perceptions at gallery

TURNER Contemporary has launched a new learning programme aiming to change the way teachers and children learn about the visual arts.

The scheme – called We Are Curious – aims to bring more than 5,000 schoolchildren to the Margate gallery between now and April next year.

It was launched at a special event attended by teachers, governors, higher and further education tutors, youth workers and other community lead-

ers from across the county.

Turner Contemporary director Victoria Pomery said: "The gallery is an amazing resource, and learning is at the heart of what we do here at Turner Contemporary.

"Learning is important in a community where many young people have had negative experiences of education.

"I'm thrilled this event has brought together so many educational professionals from around Kent, and I believe the

combination of inspirational spaces, creative ideas and great art will foster civic pride, change attitudes and provide opportunities for young people to access culture."

The £17.5m Turner Contemporary gallery opened on April 16 and attracted more than 65,000 visitors in its first six weeks.

Visit www.turnercontemporary.org or call 01843 233000 for more information about learning and events.

Hair students battle it out in competition

MORE than 60 students showed off their styling skills in an attempt to be crowned MidKent College's hairdresser of the year.

The competition – sponsored by Goldwell hair products – was held across four weeks at the college's Maidstone campus, with Donna Marchant, Sarah Curtis and Leigh Micallef coming first, second and third respectively.

Lecturer and contest judge Helen Henderson said: "The students were given a loose theme to work with in each of the competition heats. These included 'red carpet', 'anything goes' and 'night on the town'.

"They worked extremely hard and the professionalism and creativity they demonstrated was outstanding."

The competition final was co-judged by Ms Henderson, assistant principal and former beautician Jill Edwards, personal tutor Wendy George and Goldwell representative Ken Sage.

It was open to all hair design students at the Maidstone campus, from level one to three.

Ms Henderson said: "We hoped those from our lower level courses would be motivated by the challenge, and I am proud to say all those who entered showed great imagination in their work and demonstrated that you can create inspiring designs whatever ability or level you are."

Goldwell donated a range of prizes for first, second and third place, with winning student Donna being sent on a colour course at the firm's training centre in Mayfair, London.

Mr Sage said: "The college should be so im-



WINNER: Donna Marchant scooped first prize

pressed with what the students have done. This entire competition has been fabulous."

MidKent College's full-time hair design courses lead to nationally recognised qualifications that either prepare students for work in the hairdressing industry or enable those who are already qualified as hairdressers to develop and enhance their skills.

A number of part-time and evening courses are also on offer in subjects including wedding hair and make-up, barbering and perms.

Visit www.midkent.ac.uk for more information.

Adult Learners' Week celebrates students' life-changing stories

A WEIGHTLIFTER and a female motorbike mechanic were among those recognised as part of Adult Learners' Week.

Ken Wildman, 55, from Folkestone, has hopes of becoming a national weightlifting coach and has returned to education after his dyslexia forced him to quit an Open University course.

Tina Eastwood, 33, from Herne Bay, left school with no qualifications but has since completed several courses and

has her sights set on becoming a motorbike MOT tester.

Both have received awards for their dedication to learning as part of Adult Learners' Week, which ended on Friday, May 20.

Further education minister John Hayes said: "I wholeheartedly congratulate all the individuals and organisations that have received an Adult Learners' Week Award.

"Their inspiring stories bring to light the power learning

has to transform the lives of people of all ages, encourage social mobility and build a better society."

Alan Tuckett, chief executive of the National Institute of Adult Continuing Learning, added: "The stories of our award winners once again illustrate the overwhelmingly positive impact learning has on people's lives. I hope adults across the country will be inspired to discover for themselves a whole new life."

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SENIOR SUPPORT WORKER

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A position of night support worker has become available. For this position it will be necessary to have general experience in social care. The salary will be £13,505 per annum and the hours are 37.5 hours per week.

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Please look at the website www.kentautistic.com for recruitment opportunities within the Trust.

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The Woodville Centre, Canterbury, Kent

Kent Autistic Trust is proud to announce that a new day vocational centre is about to open in Canterbury. The new centre will have facilities to support people with Autism Spectrum Condition with activities at the venue itself, and in the local community at colleges and clubs, shops and leisure facilities. The centre will also have facilities in the future for respite support.

PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR

A fantastic opportunity has arisen for a motivated and committed individual to help facilitate the opening and establishment of the service at the Woodville Centre. This position would be ideal for someone who has:

- experience in a learning disabilities setting, including management of a learning disabilities
- service, leading and supporting a team of staff, particularly if you have helped staff through a period of change, or when setting up a service. You must have NVQ level III in Health and Social Care or an equivalent qualification, and the willingness to work towards NVQ Level IV.

The salary will be £18,939 - £20,011 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications, and the hours 37.5 per week.

Closing date 3.6.11. Interviews will be held on 16th June 2011.

DEPUTY PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR

This position would suit a person who has sound experience of working with people with learning disabilities, and would like to embark on a new challenge by supporting the Programme Co-ordinator in setting up and managing the service at the Woodville Centre. You would need:

- An NVQ III in Health and Social Care or an equivalent qualification with proven experience in supporting people with learning disabilities, and in supporting other staff.

The salary will be £15,305 - £17,490 per annum, depending on experience and qualifications, and the hours 37.5 per week.

Closing date 3.6.11. Interviews will be held on 16th June 2011.

Applications welcome for consideration for future positions at Woodville. Please look at the website www.kentautistic.com for recruitment opportunities to the Trust.

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Ref: PRO01

37 hours per week
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Expressions of Interest will need to be made via that site by 10th June with tender bids in by 1st July.

Lecturer in Human Resources and Management

Ref: P0422

Salary: £30,718 - £34,005 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience)
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CLOSING DATE: 31 May 2011

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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

BRUNSWICK ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and repairs to areas of potholes and surface failure, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Brunswick Road, Ashford, on or after 23 May 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with the A28 for a distance of approximately 15 metres.

The alternative route is via Brunswick Road, Hilton Road and A28 Chart Road.

CHURCH ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway and footway improvement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Ashford, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Queen Street and Norwood Street.

The alternative route is via A292 Elwick Road, Bank Street and Tufton Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Church Road between Norwood Street and Tufton Street, and the No Right Turn Order from Tufton Street into Church Road, will be suspended to allow access up to the point of closure.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

BREDLANDS LANE, STURRY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of the installation of a new waste water inspection chamber, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bredlands Lane, Sturry, from 28 May 2011 until 6 June 2011 or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Spire Academy. The alternative route is via A28 Island Road, Staines Hill, Babs Oak Hill and Hoath Road.

BOLTS HILL, CHARTHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new waste water connection, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bolts Hill, Chartam, on or after 23 May 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of The Old Ford Yard.

The alternative route is via Bolts Hill, Shalmsford Street, Baker's Lane, Rattington Street, Station Road and Parish Road.

SWEECHBRIDGE ROAD, HERNE BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sweechbridge Road, Herne Bay, on or after 31 May 2011 for up to 6 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with May Street and the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via A299 Thanet Way, B2205 Margate Road and Reculver Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

HIGHCROSS ROAD, SOUTHFLEET - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Highcross Road, Southfleet from its junction with Whitehill Road and Hook Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 6th June 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road and Sandbanks Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL UNIVERSITY WAY, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by Dartford Toll bound vehicular traffic on University Way, Dartford from the roundabout at Thames Road to the A282 roundabout.

The Order will become effective on 23rd May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the event is planned to take place 29th May 2011 and 26th June 2011 and last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Hythe Street, Highfield Road, East Hill, Park Road and Princes Road. The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Bridge Triathlon.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

LAURESTON PLACE, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Laureston Place, Dover, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Castle Hill. The alternative route is via A258 Castle Hill Road and Victoria Park

UPPER STREET, KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Upper Street, Kingsdown, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 11 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length. The alternative route is via Chalk Hill Road, Ringwould Road, A258 Dover Road, Granville Road, Kingsdown Road and Cliffe Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

SPRINGHEAD ROAD, NORTHFLEET - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Springhead Road, Northfleet between York Road and Thames Way.

The Order will become effective on 23rd May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Thames Way, London Road and Springhead Road. The purpose of the closure is to facilitate renewal of existing gas main.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETILING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETILING/THURNHAM/STOCKBURY) (TRAFFIC SPEED AND TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described below. The order shall come into operation at times when required on 28th/29th/30th May 2011 and 15th/16th/17th July 2011.

Schedule (The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

1. Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited as follows:-
 - (i) On Detling Hill, Detling/Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham/Stockbury between the existing permanent 50 mph speed restriction at a point 480 metres north east of the junction with Scragged Oak Road to the turning for Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate on the north east bound carriageway and from the Lily Spice restaurant on the south west bound carriageway. Also to prevent
 - (ii) Traffic in excess of 50 mph shall be prohibited from The Lily Spice restaurant to the right hand turn into Detling Aerodrome Industrial Estate and then prohibited to 40 mph to the top of Detling Hill.
 - (iii) Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/Detling Hill, Detling/Thurnham/Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5).
2. No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to:-
 - (i) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 south west bound into Scragged Oak Road.
 - (ii) Carry out a right hand turn from Scragged Oak Road onto the A249 south west bound.
 - (iii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
 - (iv) Carry out a right hand turn or "U" turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
 - (v) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Aerodrome Approach.
 - (vi) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Chalky Road.
 - (vii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Church Hill.
 - (viii) Carry out a right hand turn from A249 southbound into Honeycrook Hill.
 - (ix) Carry out a right hand turn from Pett Lane northbound onto A249.
3. The alternative routes for traffic affected by 2(i), 2(ii), 2(iii), 2(iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix) above are either:-
 - (i) via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
 - (ii) via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KENWARD ROAD, YALDING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kenward Road from Kenward Farm entrance heading northerly for 150m on or after Monday 23rd May 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Kenward Road, Bow Hill, B2015 Maidstone Road, Hampstead Lane, The Lees, High Street.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

DARTFORD ROAD, SEVENOAKS - (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Dartford Road, Sevenoaks between The Drive and The Vine.

The Order will become effective on 23rd May 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence 28th May 2011 20.00 and end 29th May 2011 17.00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Pembroke Road, London Road, Tubs Hill and St Botolphs Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate removal of a tower crane from Southdown's Homes.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

CHESTNUT STREET, BORDEN (WIDTH RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to make an Order to suspend the 6' 6" width restriction on Chestnut Street, Borden, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until works have been completed.

This is for the use of Chestnut Street as a diversion whilst the southbound carriageway of the A249 is closed for maintenance works, and applies when the relevant signs are covered or removed.

This Order suspends the Kent County Council (Various Roads, Borden, Bredgar, Bicknor, Tunstall and Sittingbourne) (Width Restriction) Order 1990

NORTON ROAD, NORTON, FAVERSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow BT access to chambers for gully cleaning, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Norton Road, Norton, Faversham, on or after 1 June 2011 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with London Road and Lewson Street Road.

The alternative route is via A2 London Road and Provender Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BREDGAR AND TUNSTALL, SWALE) (40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under section 84(1), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of road:

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| Bredgar Road | from the junction with Rookery Close for a distance of 420 metres in an easterly direction and 220 metres in a westerly direction to the existing 30 mph speed limit terminal. |
| Swanton Street | from the junction with Bashford Barn Lane for a distance of 600 metres in a southerly direction and 375 metres in a northerly direction to the existing 30 mph speed limit terminal. |

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, a map indicating the location and the effect and a copy of any other Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order may be examined at the Council Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send your grounds for your observations in writing to the Transport and Development Manager Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TD.Ashford.Swale@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on 13th June 2011

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

COTTAGE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new gas supply to Hibernia Cottage, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cottage Road, Ramsgate, on or after 6 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Abbot's Hill and Hibernia Street.

The alternative route is via Hibernia Street, Camden Road and Abbott's Hill.

COTTINGTON ROAD, MINSTER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

Because of works for the construction of new bridge parapets in connection with the forthcoming East Kent Access Road, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cottingham Road, Minster, on or after 8 June 2011 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for a total of 3 nights within the closure period, with the specific dates advised and signed on site. The planned times of closure are between 10.30 pm and 5.00 am

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Thorne Hill / Ebbsfleet Lane to the junction with Oakland Court.

The alternative route is via Foads Lane, Cliffs End Road, A256 Sandwich Road, Lord of the Manor Interchange, A299 Canterbury Road West, Tothill Street, Foxborough Lane, The Lanes and Grinsell Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS WESTWOOD, THANET) (RESTRICTED ROADS) ORDER 2011

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under section 82 (2) and 83 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 30 mph speed limit on various roads in the Westwood area as follows:

A254 Ramsgate Road, Westwood	From a central traffic island 10m south of 300 Ramsgate Road to Poorhole Lane
A254 Margate Road	From Poorhole Lane to the existing 30mph speed limit
A256 Haine Road	From a point 43m west of the junction with Nash Lane to and including the Westwood roundabout

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Monday to Friday at Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or at Thanet District Council, Cecil Street, Margate.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to: The Transportation and Development Manager (East Kent) Kent Highway Services, Ashford

Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD. Or by email to td.eastkent@kent.gov.uk by 12 noon on Friday 10 June 2011

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LOVE LANE, WATERINGBURY) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Love Lane, from outside number 5 to Mill Oast House on or after Monday 6th June 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Mill Lane.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LONG MILL LANE, PLATT) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Long Mill Lane, outside of 'Wychwood' on or after Monday 23rd May 2011 when required for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Comp Lane, Boneashe Lane, Potash Lane, Long Mill Lane.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are necessary to supply a new service. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Alen Piralic of Renteq Traffic Management Ltd on 01634 256291.

Katherine Kerswell
Group Managing Director
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent, ME14 1XQ

Dated 20th May 2011

For further information, please contact
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(local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



PLANNING

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

MA/11/0465/N - FIRST FLOOR AND SECOND FLOOR, 85, BANK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1SD - Change of use of 1st and 2nd floor offices to 5 bedroom flat. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0499/N - 8, CHURCHILL COTTAGES, LVERTON HILL, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2NJ - Erection of a two storey rear extension. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0500/N - 8, CHURCHILL COTTAGES, LVERTON HILL, SANDWAY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2NJ - An application for listed building consent for demolition of first floor extension and conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0550/S - ROCK FARM, GIBBS HILL, NETTLESTEAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 5HT - Rebuilding of stables to form accommodation for holiday let. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0575/N - DETLING LIME WORKS, HERMITAGE LANE, DETLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3HW - Variation of condition 5 of appeal decision of MA/05/1462 (Retrospective application for the change of use of land to a mixed use of residential and business use to include the stationing of 1 number caravan and the retention of 3 number outbuildings (2 being conjoined) to allow a second vehicle to be kept on the site). **Reason: 7**

MA/11/0600/S - LAND ADJ, WILSONS LANE, EAST FARLEIGH, KENT - Retrospective application for change of use from agricultural use to equestrian use (resubmission of MA/10/1908). **Reason: 6**

MA/11/0602/S - LINTON PARK SCHOOL, HEATH ROAD, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4HT - An application to vary condition 14 of permission MA/06/2070 so that the number of pupils registered on the school roll shall not at any time exceed 200. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/0603/N - 6 JAMES WHATMAN COURT, TURKEY MILL, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5SS - Application for Listed Building consent for installation of replacement entrance doors, windows and new logo. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0604/N - 6 JAMES WHATMAN COURT, TURKEY MILL, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5SS - Installation of replacement entrance doors and windows. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0607/S - GREEN COURT COTTAGE, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0AP - Application for Listed Building consent for the installation of new conservation rooflights, a replacement rooflight and internal alterations, including replacement of existing staircase. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0613/N - HONYWOOD FARM, WEST STREET, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2EP - An application for listed building consent for internal alterations, including removal of ceiling joists at first floor, alterations to first floor structure including removal and replacement of first floor partitions. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0618/S - STAPLEHURST SERVICE STATION, HIGH STREET, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0BN - Renewal of permission MA/08/0205 for residential development comprising thirteen dwellings (six apartments and seven houses) with associated parking and access. **Reason: 2, 6**

MA/11/0624/S - MEREWORTH COTTAGE, LADDINGFORD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6BU - Erection of a single storey store/eating area to replace existing garage/store. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0635/S - 442, TONBRIDGE ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME16 9LW - An application for listed building consent for internal and external works including the introduction of a roof light and dormerto the rear elevation, joinery works and various internal works. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0639/S - THE WILLOWS, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9HL - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission MA/10/0562 to allow for the units to be accommodated by residents of 55 years or above and/or registered disabled. **Reason: 6**

MA/11/0661/N - ARNOLD FARM, BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1TF - Retrospective application for the erection of an agricultural machinery and equipment wash-down building. **Reason: 1**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **5th June 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 22nd May 2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/SW/0194/2011 - Proposed development at Unit 15A, Ridham Dock Industrial Estate, Ridham Dock Road, Ridham, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR.

SITA UK is applying to Kent County Council (as the Waste Planning Authority) for planning permission for the use of building 15A for internal shredding and screening of wood; use of existing weighbridge, weighbridge office, site office and washroom/toilet to the south of building 15A and use of external storage area to the north for storage of shredded wood.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

KCC/AS/0207/2011 - Proposed development at Charing Wastewater Treatment Works, Dog Kennel Lane, Maidstone Road, Charing, Ashford, Kent, TN27 0JL.

Southern Water Limited is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for development of three buildings (GRP Kiosks) as part of upgrading to Charing Wastewater Treatment Works.

You may view this application at our offices at the address below during all reasonable office hours. Alternatively, the application documents can be viewed via a computer link using Kent County Council's website shown below, at the following locations:-

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Sharon Thompson
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- Listed Building Consent: Replace existing roof window in rear roof slope with dormer window (LB)

11/01221/HOUSE **Old Cloth Hall Course Horn Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Ground floor extension to 1930's west wing, alterations to the southern roof slope at first floor to form a new dormer window, lowering of eaves to post 1930's playroom extension, replacement of external store room, lowering of ground level to south western corner (LB)

11/01225/LBC **Old Cloth Hall Course Horn Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed Building Consent: Ground floor extension to 1930's west wing, alterations to the southern roof slope at first floor to form a new dormer window, lowering of eaves to post 1930's playroom extension, replacement of external store room, lowering of ground level to south western corner (LB)

11/01242/FUL **The Barracks Wilsley Green, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Conversion of main dwelling to 3 self contained apartments, the squash court to 3 self contained apartments, the east building to 2 self contained apartments, reinstatement of barn to form 1 bed apartment, new garden wall and car parking (CA) (LB)

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11/01164/HOUSE **Street Farm Oast Cranbrook Road, Frittenden**
- Extension of Time: Two-storey extension and alterations to existing residence (TVW/08/01273 refers) (CA) (LB)

11/01325/LBC **The Bell Bedgebury International School Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst**
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11/01301/FUL **The Bull 79 Frant Road, Pantiles & St Marks**
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11/01348/LBC **12 Sussex Mews Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks**
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11/01300/HOUSE **Milner Court Camden Park, Park**
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11/01119/LBC **Flat 3 St Martin, Speldhurst**
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Jim Kehoe
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Dated: 21 May 2011

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(Public Footpath WS21 in the Parish of Southborough)

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Jonathan Bibby
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Dated: 22nd May 2011

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THE INTERVIEW

Tony's still showing us the way

Nick Ames talks to singer Tony Christie about his new UK tour and how 'that' song revived his career

Amarillo – if you've ever wondered the way there – is just off Route 66 in Texas and even gets a mention in the famous song about the highway.

Written in 1946 by Bobby Troup, (Get Your Kicks On) Route 66 has been recorded by Nat King Cole, Chuck Berry, The Rolling Stones and Depeche Mode.

But probably not too many people in the UK would have even heard of the place – let alone know the way to it – without Tony Christie, the Doncaster-born singer who is now celebrating 50 years in showbusiness with a UK tour, which takes in the Central Theatre, Chatham, on Sunday (May 22) and the .

Comedian Peter Kay decided to re-release Christie's 1971 hit as a Comic Relief single in 2005 and it was at the top of the charts for seven weeks. The video features Kay lip-synching and a variety of other stars including Ronnie Corbett.

"Peter Kay did me a favour," said Christie, who had been semi-retired in Spain when his biggest hit was revived by the comedian.

"He gave me the impetus to get back to the UK and carry on my career here. I had fantastic success everywhere else, but I couldn't get a hit here. Now that has changed and I'm playing live to great audiences on this tour. The hits, of course, but also new material, which is going down really well. I'm really enjoying it"

Despite a brief return to the music scene in 1999 as the vocalist on The All Seeing Eye's Walk Like A Panther, which was written by Pulp main man Jarvis Cocker, much of the 67-year-old's success has been in Europe,



where Amarillo reached No 1 in several countries on its original release.

His greatest successes of the 1990s had come in Germany, where his crooning style fitted the love of quiet sentimental love songs, although Christie admits it was largely because that paid the bills.

That all changed after Kay's intervention introduced him to a whole new audience.

"I was living very happily in Spain playing a lot of golf, but the success meant I came back to Britain – sadly, I don't play such a good game of golf any more

"I asked Peter why he chose that song and he said his mum used to have my albums and

played them to him as a baby to put him to sleep."

Kay's interest and appreciation of the song Amarillo did not, as fans of his sitcom Phoenix Nights will know, begin with the Comic Relief single.

The song also appeared in an episode of Kay's Channel 4 comedy, set in a Bolton nightclub. But if it hadn't been for co-star Paddy McGuinness's inability to remember lyrics to another song, it would not be the hit it has been in recent years.

"Apparently it was either Amarillo or the song Green Door by Shakin' Stevens," Christie said. "But Paddy couldn't

remember the words to Green Door. So they went with Amarillo, because it's just 'sha la la'.

"Peter told me that and I also love the video – that's what sold the song. I get a lot of younger people at my shows now as well. They bought the album that came with that song, so they're listening to stuff I recorded 30 years ago."

Christie learnt his trade in the bars, pubs and clubs of South Yorkshire in the 1960s.

"To me, people like Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, they were the ubercool, they were what I aspired to. I know music-people these days tend to dismiss us as cheesy entertainers. They forget that's how music was in those days.

"But of course you had to be really slick. You had to be able to talk to an audience and hold them. Being a crooner in the 40s and 50s used to be cool. They used to call Sinatra and Dean Martin crooners, so it's not that bad."

Another major hit was the song Avenues And Alleyways, which was the theme to a TV show called The Protectors.

"The songwriters were in a studio next door to where I was recording and they asked me if I would do a demo version," Christie said. "So I said yes, even though they'd only written the hook line.

"When the TV company heard it, though, they loved it – and said we have to have that voice. So the songwriters went away and wrote the rest of the lyrics and I recorded it."

Christie said he first realised he could sing in primary school: "The music teacher moved me from the back of the class to the front row and said 'You really can sing'.

"I was never trained, it's just natural, maybe it's in the genes or something. I do scales for 10 minutes a day to practise, but I'm playing around two hours a night – singing constantly.

"One thing I have done is given up drinking to protect my voice – I travel separately from the band to avoid temptation."

■ Tickets for Tony Christie at the Central Theatre, Chatham, on Sunday, May 22, cost £20.50 (band A) and £19 (band B). Phone the box office on 01634 338338.

To see him at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Sunday, June 26, where tickets are priced at £22.50, visit www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.



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TALKING POINT

Minor parties

LAST year more than a third of eligible voters decided they would rather stay at home than have their say on who should run the country. Of the 26 million people who did make the effort on general election day, an almost identical percentage voted in favour of a Conservative government led by David Cameron.

In contrast, not one single person voted for – nor had the opportunity to vote for – the Con-Lib Coalition we now find ourselves ruled by.

Had the millions of people who opted against using their vote instead put it to good use, the make-up of Parliament could look a lot different today. But despite growing disillusionment towards the three main parties, independent candidates and members of minor groups such as the Greens are still finding voter support hard to come by.

“People are more likely to not vote at all if they don't like any of the three main parties, and it's very frustrating,” said Victor Webb, who made history this month as the first UK Independence Party member to be elected onto Tunbridge Wells council.

“All you hear when you knock on some people's doorsteps is how we're ‘all the same’, so we put in a lot of work to distinguish ourselves from the national politicians.

“We don't receive anywhere near the same level of publicity as the main parties do. I was supposed to be interviewed for a BBC television programme after the local elections but I was bumped in favour of a former Labour MP. That says it all really. It makes you wonder what you've got to do to get noticed.”

Despite being a member of a relatively well-known party in UKIP, it still took Mr Webb nine years of local campaigning to win a seat on Tunbridge Wells council when he could arguably have done so a lot quicker had he been a supporter of Labour, the Conservatives or the Liberal Democrats.

In Liverpool, for example, an 18-year-old Labour candidate ousted Lib Dem peer and council leader Lord Mike Story from his seat at the local elections.

While the youngster may end up being a good representative for his ward, it is doubtful he would have achieved such early success had he put his name forward as an independent.

But according to Cllr Richard Lees – Kent county councillor representing Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association – not being associated with a main party is one of the biggest selling points of being an independent.

He said: “We provide a completely local and unhindered service, and that's the key thing. We're never tied down by a party's national policies. I don't have to stand up in County Hall and say the Government spending cuts are the best solution to tackling the deficit, like the Conservatives do. I can see the cuts are making life difficult at KCC and Dartford council – very difficult.”

In addition to Cllr Lees' spot on the county council, the residents' association also has four members on Dartford council and all 20 on Swanscombe and Greenhithe town council.

Cllr Lees said he thought the bond between councillors and residents was key to the group's success.

He added: “People relate to us because we're helping our next-door neighbours or the school up the road. As a group we're also very accessible – everyone knows us and knows how to get hold of us. That's a big part of our success and our charm, and we really do listen to what's going on. We don't need to hold surgeries to find out what the problems are because we're living among them and already know.”

The major political parties have an iron grip on voters' loyalties. Reporter STEVE KNIGHT investigates whether independent candidates and minor parties can ever break through into the mainstream, and if national politics should be kept out of local elections



OUT FOR THE COUNT: Independent candidates and minor parties say they face a tough battle to get voters' attention in the run up to polling day

INDEPENDENTS' DAY – WILL IT EVER HAPPEN?

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People relate to us because we're helping our neighbours or the school up the road. We don't need to hold surgeries to find out what the problems are because we already know.

CLLR RICHARD LEES

Another group with high hopes of success at the local elections was the Ashford Independent Party, but leader Cllr Peter Davison was left disappointed despite increasing its number of councillors from four to five.

He is one of a growing number of people who believe voters should place their trust in the hands of those who put local issues before party loyalties.

Cllr Davison said: “There is no place for national party politics in local government because the key issue should be to listen to local people.

“I think it's a fair assumption that more and more voters will turn to independent councillors, and the Localism Bill makes clear that people whose lives are touched by major decisions should have a say in those decisions.

“We shouldn't be giving so much power to egomaniacs on a power trip. Enough is enough.”

A common misconception among some voters is that independent election candidates are somehow less qualified than those aligned with the main parties. But with teachers, nurses, surgeons, IT specialists and businessmen among those signed up to Ashford Independents, Cllr Davison is looking to dispel the stigma.

He said: “We're analysing what needs to be done in Ashford and putting in place people who

have the knowledge, and experience to suggest how we can do things better.

“Give us another four years and we will come back even stronger.”

While both the Ashford Independent Party and the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents' Association have achieved modest success in recent years, it is clear that truly independent councillors are few and far between in Kent.

Cllr Lees said it would be beneficial for the county as a whole if like-minded individuals could come together and share best practice in an attempt to win voters over.

He added: “I would love to see more independent councillors. I've nothing against people who represent the main parties because a lot work hard in their communities, but they're always tethered to what Clegg and Cameron do at a national level and can't get away from that.

“I think that showed during the local elections when the Tories sent Baroness Warsi to Dartford and Labour had Ed Miliband in Gravesend to draw the voters out.

“We can't rely on those media stunts but we also don't need to because we have that close relationship with the local people, and we will continue to be successful because of that.”

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BERTH: Memorabilia from HMS Formidable will be moving to Chatham Grammar School for Boys

New generation takes on a Formidable tale

Mathew Beech

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A NEW home has been found for the naval standard and other priceless items from 'the ship that launched herself'.

The HMS Formidable Association has offered priceless items from the World War Two aircraft carrier to Chatham Grammar School for Boys.

The group for the ship's veterans made the decision because membership is dwindling and they decided the school, which has close ties to Chatham Dockyard, the ideal place for the memorabilia.

Construction on the Illustrious-class aircraft carrier began on June 17, 1937, at the Harland & Wolff yard in Belfast.

Lady Kingsley Wood attended the launch ceremony with her husband, the then air minister Sir Kingsley Wood, on August 17, 1939.

Beneath the ship, dockers were working on the launching gear, when one of the wooden cradles supporting most of the carrier's 23,000 tonnes broke, causing the ship to start sliding down the slipway.

With great presence of mind, Lady Wood took the bottle of Empire wine and smashed it against the bow of the ship, following maritime lore which is meant to prevent an unlucky life at sea.

In the accident, shattered splinters of woods and twisted metal were flung into the crowd, causing one fatality and 22 injuries, although Formidable's hull was undamaged.



FLIGHT DECK: A Grumman Martlet taxiing along the flight deck of HMS Formidable

Following its eventful launch, HMS Formidable was commissioned on November 24, 1940, before she, and her 2,200 crew, were deployed to the Battle of Cape Matapan, near Crete, in March 1941.

In May, 1941, she was hit by two 2,200lb bombs, putting the ship out of action for six months.

The following year, HMS Formidable travelled across the Pacific Ocean, serving in the Indian Ocean before returning back to the Mediterranean.

The ship provided air support in the critical North African Campaign for the Allies and also in the Italian Campaign, playing an important role in the invasion of Sicily in 1943.

Later the same year, she was then deployed to protect merchant convoys in the arctic and in November, sunk a German U-boat.

Towards the end of the war, she was involved in a series of operations of the coast of Norway, before finally entering service against Japanese forces in 1945 and surviving numerous kamikaze attacks.

Eight crew members were killed and a further 47 were injured in one attack, which saw a plane dive from a great height, crashing into the flight deck, starting a major fire on board.

Following the end of the war, the Royal Navy conducted a fleet review and it was discovered the damaged suffered to HMS Formidable meant it was un-economical to repair her.

She was then put in reserve in 1947 but never saw action again before being sold off for scrap in 1953, before finally being pulled apart and scrapped in November, 1956.

The HMS Formidable Standard and other items will now be displayed at the Chatham Grammar School for Boys.

Colin Field, deputy headteacher at the school said: "We are currently planning an archive room in the school where we will be able to more openly share much of the history of our school with our community and people will be able to see the strong maritime links we have always enjoyed."

Keith Quilter, who served on Formidable, added: "I would like to add my complete ease at finding that the school appreciates the significance of the Standard to we remaining shipmates who served in Formidable."

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Flavours of Kent

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Mediterranean delights the real star on show at JoJo's

UNTIL about 18 months ago, JoJo's restaurant was situated on the ground floor of a blue-fronted, three-storey house in the suburban outskirts of Whitstable.

In its rather unassuming surrounds it began to make a name for itself for its simple, but deliciously fresh Mediterranean dishes, served in meze/tapas-style (it covers both), with an ethos of fresh, local and organic wherever possible.

Although unintended, its success meant that Nikki Billington and partner Paul Watson recently had to make the move to bigger premises – an old Spa supermarket building just around the corner in Tankerton, still surrounded by suburban houses, but with uninterrupted views of the sea. The building was gutted, refurbished with the resulting interior totally befitting the restaurant's ambitions.

The atmosphere is relaxed, though the drama in the kitchen is open to view. The interior is spacious and unaffected, with bare wood everywhere – floorboards, tables, chairs.

Windows looking out to sea, battered leather sofas by a fireplace and shelves packed with Nikki's cookbooks invite you to slow the pace right down.

But it is the food that is the star of the show.

Rave national reviews have propelled this restaurant firmly into the public's gaze – as **Kiki Case** discovers

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Nikki (above) and her partner Paul Watson have recently had to move JoJo's from its humble beginnings to bigger premises, such as has been the success of their venture

Dishes are prepared there and then in front of your eyes, from a menu of delightful bites from Greece, Spain, Italy and even England.

Items change to allow for fresh seasonal ingredients and a blackboard shows a selection of daily specials. A range of cured meats is always present – spicy chorizo, Serrano ham, Fiocco di Spalla, all served with crustini and seasonal jelly, and all around £7.95, but with plentiful portions to share. Indeed, all the tapas dishes are generous – and your waiter or waitress will advise you to go easy on the ordering. There are delicious cooked dishes – the freshest calamari, chargrilled sardines, tender slices of lamb, Monkshill mutton koftas.

Vegetarians will be pleased too with the classic patatas bravas, deep fried courgette flowers, Greek salad and the scrumptious risotto balls, deep fried, and usually containing pea and mint or, sometimes, porcini. And the cheese board of tasty Spanish, Italian and English cheeses is delightful. Prices range from £3.95 to

£9.50, and with a BYOB policy, you can enjoy a delicious meal at a very reasonable price.

Nikki's cooking is deft, influenced by time spent travelling and working in Greece, Spain and Italy, having worked herself up to head chef from washer up and mussel bearder at the Whitstable Oyster Restaurant in the early 90s.

On her return home she decided to open JoJo's, with a plan to keep it small and not all-consuming. However, a couple of rave national press reviews brought it to the attention of food lovers and tables at the restaurant are now constantly in demand.

Booking is advisable, but reservations are taken no more than two weeks in advance.

There is a coffee shop, too, with homemade cakes and snacks, which is open everyday (except Monday, when the whole restaurant is closed) from 9am-5pm.

■ **JoJo's meze, meat & fish, 2 Herne Bay Road, Tankerton, Whitstable, CT5 2LQ. Tel: 01227 274591. www.jojosrestaurant.co.uk.**

Farmers' markets

Bridge

THE market at The Red Lion pub on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month aims to give shoppers the opportunity to buy high-quality, nutritious and fresh local food and drink which contributes to their well-being and protects their environment.

Tunbridge Wells

THE market is located in the historic centre of Tunbridge Wells, The Pantiles, and sells local produce. It revives the tradition of an open-air market held there a few centuries ago and takes place on the first and third Saturdays of the month between the hours of 9am-2pm.

Hythe

HYTHE Farmers' Market was established in March, 2004, by popular demand from those who wanted good-quality local food. It is now located in the Methodist church hall and is open on the second and fourth Saturdays every month from 10am-noon.

Cliftonville

CLIFTONVILLE Farmers' Market was established in 2001 by the Cliftonville Residents' Association and is held on the last Sunday of the month on the Eastern Esplanade. It is run by volunteers, is self-funded, and has received several awards.

Dartford

DARTFORD Farmers' Market began in November, 2005, and has been running since then. The market is held in the pedestrian area of Dartford High Street and is open between 10am and 2pm on the third Friday of the month offering local produce.

Iwade

IWADE Village Hall first opened its farmers' market in February, 2009, and is open on the first Sunday of the month from 10am-1pm. It offers fresh seasonal local produce including organic meats and a range of other items such as bread, cakes and pastries.

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- 3 dinners & 3 breakfasts
- Indoor pool & sauna
- Return car ferry

FOOD & DRINK

Fish restaurants: Six of the Best



Le Petit Poisson Herne Bay

Why here...

This diminutive fish restaurant on Herne Bay seafront (by the pier) is an unexpected delight. Recently refurbished but with alfresco dining in the summer, there are uninterrupted sea views.

On the menu...

A relatively small menu delivers excellent food. With a French influence, a range from oysters and moules marinières to the finer smoked haddock chowder with fennel emulsion, and baked fillet of cod. Excellent.

How to book...

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County seafood has the mussel to pull in diners

SO what if we keep going on about it, but we are extremely lucky here in Kent to have such fantastic local produce. The county is famed for its orchards, farms, breweries and vineyards.

But we are also privileged to have some of the UK's finest coastlines, 50 miles of it, to be exact. This also means we have access to some of the best fresh fish and seafood available on the market.

There are some seriously good wet-fish shops, which not only supply locally but also to markets in London and just across the Channel in France. In Thanet alone, there are two excellent fishmongers – Fruits De Mer in Broadstairs and Eddie Gilbert's in Ramsgate.

We are also fortunate to have other award-winning

suppliers like Sankey's in Tunbridge Wells, Griggs of Hythe and Chapman's in Sevenoaks, to name a few.

Some of these will have their own boats that go out to sea, and others will have built good relations with local fishermen – but in all of them you will find excellent local catch.

The small seaside town of Whitstable thrives off its reputation for some of the best fishing markets and restaurants attracting wealthy tourists from London.

On bank holidays or even just at the weekend, it is no coincidence that the most popular area of the town is the harbour and fish market. With such fresh fish and seafood so easily accessible in the county, there are bound to be excellent seafood restaurants, too – a few of them opened by the fishmongers themselves. Here are six of the best...



Wheeler's Oyster Bar Whitstable

Why here...

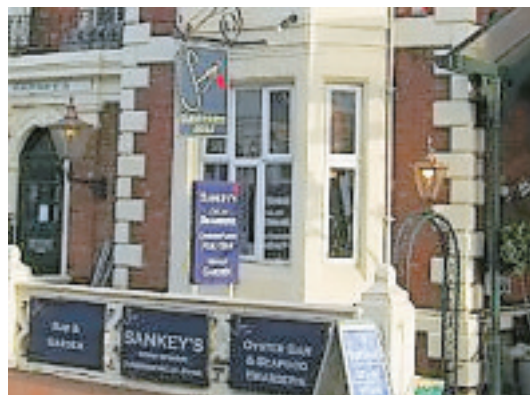
This discovered 'hidden gem', a tiny pink building that has stood on the high street in Whitstable for some 150 years, is more than an oyster bar. Go past the front shop to the back parlour, which functions as the dining room with only four tables.

On the menu...

Award-winner Mark Stubbs uses local ingredients straight from the boat. Monkfish osso bucco, with lobster linguine, steamed shellfish and bouillabaisse soup are specials, to name but a few.

How to book...

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Sankey's Tunbridge

Why here...

Established for some 50 years, Sankey's started life as a pub, with open fires, cask ales and a seafood brasserie based in the yorkestone old cellars. Two years ago, it opened a fishmongers in town, and the company has since won two awards: the brasserie was given a 4.5 blue fish rating by fish2fork for its commitment to sustainability and the fishmongers was voted seafood retailer of

the year in the Taste of Kent awards.

On the menu...

The menu features fish and seafood from around the British coast, together with the best daily local catch, prepared by French chef Jack Petit. Simple but skilled dishes include its own classics, such as fishcakes and Sankey's smokies.

How to book...

39 Mount Ephraim, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN4 8AA
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Rocksalt Folkestone

Why here...

The opening of this new restaurant is Michelin-starred chef Mark Sargeant's first venture since leaving Gordon Ramsay. Overlooks the boat fishermen and has panoramic views of the port.

On the menu...

Head chef Simon Dyer will use daily specials taking in the day's catch. Example dishes are celeriac and smoked coley brandade, crab with harissa and toast, and Mark's mackerel pasty.

How to book...

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Eddie Gilbert's Ramsgate

Why here...

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On the menu...

Michelin-trained chef Craig Mather brings his personality to the table with dishes such as crispy smoked-eel soldiers and soft-boiled duck egg (Jay Rayner's starter of the year 2010). There's also a great choice of fish from the Kentish coast, so very close.

How to book...

32 King Street Ramsgate CT11 8NT
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Hythe Bay Hythe

Why here...

Situated right on the beach, this restaurant and bar, owned by the family that runs Eastwell Manor Hotel, offers a seafood experience with superb sea views out on the terrace in the summer.

On the menu...

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will show local history among side shows and stalls. The programme of events includes a Sunday boot fair, music from the Original Chill Billies and displays of archery and medieval warfare, combat through the ages and a representation of a Viking attack on the village of Badlesmere in 1011. Dylan Hampshire, co-ordinating the historical displays, said: " It feels important to bring local history to life, and we wanted to show the Vikings as this year marks the 1,000th anniversary of the Danish capture of Canterbury."

There will be a choice of food, from hog roast through to Indian cuisine from Corrine's Creative Kitchens and the community-run barbecue, with drinks from the village hall or The Red Lion bar. You will be able to peruse stalls hosting plants, arts and crafts and jewellery. The fair is in aid of the Badlesmere Leas Preservation Society, which maintains the common next to The Red Lion. Kim Sharrock, committee member, said: "Last year we had a lovely weekend and are glad to welcome back the re-enactors."



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GET ready for swashbuckling adventure at The Hop Farm family park's new attraction, Pirate Cove. Children can now know what it was like to be Captain Jack Sparrow for the day by exploring the 40ft golden galleon and all that surrounds it. Once they have finished exploring the ship from port to starboard, there's the chance to help Captain Fluff find her lost treasure by following clues around Pirate Cove. If mini pirate visitors are clever enough to unscramble the treasure-trove password, they can get their hands on a special prize. Gold hunters will love the chance to pan for gold at Pirate Cove and there's plenty of 'pieces of eight' to be found in the sand. Weigh your gold and you could be in with a chance of swapping your booty for a sticker. The Hop Farm is one of Kent's largest attractions, featuring events for the family, including a children's driving school, outdoor adventure play area and animal farm.



Fun exhibition

The ancient Egyptians

Chiddingstone Castle
Sunday, May 29
chiddingstonecastle.org.uk
Tickets: adults £7, children £5

CHIDDINGSTONE Castle is celebrating its amazing Egyptian collection with a festival including talks from an Egyptology society. The whole family can join in interactive performances with the castle's own Egyptian Pharaoh, while children will have the opportunity to enjoy

arts and crafts activities and face-painting. Belly-dancing workshops will bring the essence of Egypt to life, while the food stalls give an insight into the culinary arts of the ancient Egyptians. The festival is the ideal time to explore the castle's own Egyptian collection, which brings to life many aspects of ancient Egyptian culture from farming and writing to religion and perceptions of death and the afterlife. The exhibition introduces us to Denys Eyre Bower, who, inspired by the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922, began amassing this fine collection, which includes Shabti figures from 150BC.

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Music quartet A foursome talent in town

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Saturday, May 28

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www.jamie-moore.com

POPULAR Broadstairs-based guitar-and-vocals duo of Veronica Cowper and Jamie Moore will be joined by two other musicians for a special concert at the bandstand in the town. Bass-player Andee Price will be joining the duo, along with violinist Frank Biddulph. Veronica Cowper (Makhalemele) was born in South Africa and rapidly established herself as an acclaimed vocalist on the jazz and pop-music scene. She has garnered rave reviews with a variety of artists. Canadian-born-but-UK- based Jamie Moore, meanwhile, is an exceptionally versatile guitarist and composer. And all this in the lovely setting of Broadstairs seafront!



Bringing art to new audience Live in Ashford

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Revealing Ashford

www.revealingashford.co.uk

THIS summer will see the launch of one of the biggest arts events in Ashford's history. From May to October, national orchestras, international dancers, performance poets, film-makers, local bands and urban artists will take up residence in locations throughout the town as part of the Revealing Ashford programme.

Through a series of surprising and unusual events, the programme will uncover new arts experiences and emerging talent around the borough, often in locations not normally used for the arts, to attract new audiences. Revealing Ashford is being led by Brighton-based creative director Anna Moulson. She said: "You can sense this is a really important year for Ashford arts. Clearly a lot of work has gone into raising the profile of the arts over the last few years, and there is a lot of talent here, so I am confident that we will start to see the fruits of this labour." A new performance venue will soon open at St Mary's Church in the town and Stour Valley Arts is moving to the town centre with a new gallery. See www.revealingashford.co.uk.

Learn the art of thatching Craft project

Anglo-Saxon roundhouse

Frith Wood, near Ashford

Course starts on Monday,

May 30

PEOPLE keen to learn the skills and crafts of ancient times can learn to thatch an Anglo-Saxon roundhouse in a stretch of beautiful woodland. The project is part of creating

a woodland education centre in Frith Wood near Ashford and has been granted National Lottery funding. The building is based on a similar hut at the Castell Henllys Iron Age settlement in Wales. Thatching is a growing industry again and an enjoyable craft to learn. Students will be led by a master thatcher and all aspects will be covered. The past few months has seen the roundhouse develop into what is now a sturdy frame, made from materials found in the local area. A one-acre area has been coppiced to

produce hazel for the wattled walls, and oak and ash have been used in the main frame. Clay and manure is ready for use on the walls, with Norfolk thatch cut for the roof. Many local people have helped with work, including British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and children. The thatching course starts on Monday, May 30. Places are limited, so booking is essential. To find out more information and to book, email touchwoodtrees@yahoo.com, or alternatively you can phone 07867 683169.



Fancy walking the wire? Circus skills

**The Brook Theatre,
Chatham**

Tuesday, May 31-Friday, June 3

01634 338338

CHILDREN in Medway have the chance to learn the skills of the big top at a half-term event. Classes at the circus workshop include wire-walking, juggling and diabolo spinning. Medway Council's arts development team has organised the event at The Brook Theatre from Tuesday, May 31, to Friday, June 3. Children aged eight to 14 will be taught by professional circus performers from Dizzy O'Dare's People. As well as juggling, children will also be given the chance to learn acrobatics and hang upside down from a rig. Those taking part in the project will perform in a spectacular show at the end of the week. The fee for the series of four-day classes is £25 per child. To book a place, phone 01634 338338. The Circus Week runs each day from 10am to 4pm at The Brook Theatre, Old Town Hall, Chatham. Those who book will also receive a voucher allowing them £1 off the Kids' Cabaret Of Curiosities event being held on Sunday, May 29.

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Shakespeare A Midsummer Night's Dream

Hever Castle, Edenbridge

Sat and Sun, June 4-5
01522 569777
www.chapterhouse.org

THE Chapterhouse Theatre Company presents Shakespeare's romantic comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in the Festival Theatre at Hever Castle. Surrounded by the lovely gardens, this production will provide good-quality family entertainment. Let the flitting fairies, forest-bound lovers and raucous tradesmen all join to create the perfect summer evening. With music written for Shakespeare's magnificent verse, lovely costumes and a band of travelling players, it promises to be one of the finest nights' entertainment of the year. Chapterhouse will also put on *Sense And Sensibility* this month.



Military music Rochester Pipe Band

Rochester high street

Sat and Sun, June 4-5
www.corpb.co.uk
01302 274 674

IF you enjoy the skirl of the bagpipes, you don't have to go all the way to Scotland to hear them, for we have our very own pipe band right here in Kent. Having already performed in Normandy, at Arnhem in The Netherlands, the US and just last year at Luxembourg's international military tattoo, the Rochester Pipe Band is making big noises in military music-circles. The decked out troupe wowed the crowds at the St George's Day celebrations in Maidstone at the beginning of the month and has now confirmed its attendance at the always-popular Dickens Festival in Rochester. Why not go along along, enjoy the traditional pipe tunes and cheer on the group as it parades through town with the colourful characters from the Medway author's greatest novels? And if you have ever fancied trying your hand at playing, the band welcomes new members at its practice sessions in Maidstone every Wednesday evening.

Stand-up comedy Mark Thomas

Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

Friday, June 10, 7.30pm
01622 758 611
www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk

MULTI-AWARD-WINNING comedian and activist Mark Thomas has so much under his already politically-expanded belt that there could not possibly be anything

left untouched by his investigations. His last UK tours, *The Manifesto* and *Stupid Economy*, both sold out nationwide and inspired audiences to voice their own ideals. The results from *Manifesto* were published in a pamphlet entitled *The People's Manifesto* and the show has also been recorded as a Radio 4 series, due to be broadcast in January. This time Thomas decided to go rambling in the Middle East and walked the length of the Israeli Separation Barrier between Israel and Palestine.

His stand-up is the story of 300,000 settlers, a 750km wall, six arrests, one stoning, too much hummus and a simple question... can you ever get away from it all with a good walk? Thomas is one of Britain's most acclaimed comics as well as an influential activist. After 25 years of performing, numerous documentaries, two books, changing the law on tax, secretly filming torturers, stinging arms-dealers with schoolchildren and working for Channel Four, Thomas has finally conceded that he might have a career yet!



Jenkins has a special guest Wynne Evans

Music On The Hill, Kings Hill

Fri-Sun, June 24-26
0844 873 7339
www.musiconthehill.org.uk

DE MELZA Hospice Care for Children has announced opera-singer Wynne Evans (right) as Katherine Jenkins's guest at Music On The Hill. Evans, whose debut album *A Song In My Heart* hit No 1 in the classical chart, will be performing with Jenkins and the National Symphony Orchestra under Anthony Inglis. Evans recently signed a six-album deal with Warner Music, but he is better known to



audiences as spoof opera star Gio Compario in the Go Compare TV adverts. He said: "I am really looking forward to Music On The Hill in June. It's a fabulous event to be part of, to perform in a more intimate setting, and for two great causes."



Pellow plays Musical Jekyll And Hyde

**Assembly Hall Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells**

Mon, May 30, to Sat, June 4
01892 530613

WET Wet Wet star Marti Pellow makes a return to the UK stage in a new tour of the hit Broadway musical *Jekyll And Hyde*. Written by Frank Wildhorn, with lyrics by the Academy Award-winning composer

Leslie Bricusse, the Broadway production of *Jekyll And Hyde* ran for 1,500 sell-out performances between 1997 and 2001. Glamorous, sexy and wicked in equal measure, *Jekyll And Hyde* is based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel. Pellow stars as the brilliant but obsessive scientist whose sadistic alter-ego wreaks havoc across Victorian London. As well as an acclaimed solo career, Pellow has starred in the West End, on Broadway and on national tour in the hit stage musicals *Chicago* and *The Witches Of Eastwick*.

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ATTRACTIVE young hearted female, fed up with being alone, so if you feel the same, give me a call, lets go together. ACA. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366721

TALL busty blue eyed 30's female, brown hair, lots of interests, discreet, seeks male for no strings good times. Any age/looks/status. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366705

ATTRACTIVE and any man's dream seeks, outgoing, professional male for intimate evenings in and fun nights out. Can accommodate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366703

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LADY 56, semi disabled, size 18, seeking a caring, loving, honest gent, 50 plus. Kent. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365453

SUSIE 5ft 7ins blonde, 5ft 7ins, educated attractive male for loving relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385476

34YR old blonde new to the area, seeking younger guy for fun times maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365079

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34YR old brunette, fit, feminine, attractive, free, single and looking for love with similar fun loving guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365075

36YR old bored housewife looking for mutual companionship with discreet understanding man stuck in a similar rut. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364331

LORNA 66, nurse, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364237

FEMALE 64, brown/grey hair, medium build, honest, caring, loving, seeks similar in male, 30-60 for friendship/relationship. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364253

LOOKING for my soul mate, 57, lonely, caring, affectionate, likes a drink in good company, 5ft tins, hazel eyes, seeks someone to share life with. Is that you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 385172

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MALE Guardian reader? Arty, vivacious female, 61, happy in own skin, seeks N/S sociable, warm, loving man. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366055

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49YR old lady, honest, sincere, easygoing, likes a laugh, looking for love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359059

MAIDSTONE lady, pretty, petite, late 50's, honest, caring, N/S, loves life and most things, seeks nice guy for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366501

HAZEL blonde, 62, pretty, cuddly, N/S, non drinker, seeks genuine, attractive male, 55-65 for fun and friendship. Ramsgate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366319

48YR old female, 5ft 3ins, medium build, likes animals, nifts into club, holidays, animals, seeks male, 48-50, preferably a smoker for LTR. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 365955

INDEPENDENT 52yr old slim, N/S female, likes country walks, swimming, animals, meals/days out, seeks N/S similar aged male for friendship/companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366099

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48YR old female, average build, good looking, likes most things, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363321

FUN outgoing lady, seeks spontaneous male, 37-60, adventurous, professional, attractive. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363331

JANE 27, caring, bubbly, likes nights out, cinema, bowling, DVDs, seeks male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363203

SINGLE 50 plus female, seeks male who likes talks, walks, dining and dancing. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364975

FEMALE 25, professional, likes nights out, socialising, seeks male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360961

LADY slim, brunette, N/S, likes music, National Trust, theatre, days out, seeks sincere, honest gent, 48-60 for friendship, maybe more. Kent/Sussex. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360633

64YR old female, 5ft 2ins, GSOH, likes golf, seeks male with GSOH for friendship, days out, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 339581

WARM well educated 60's female, seeks similar gent to enjoy the simple things of life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360477

BETH young minded widow, 65, 5ft 5ins, happy, size 14, N/S, many interests, seeks sincere, honest gent for friendship who might admit to some aching bones. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 344291

ATTRACTIVE lady, seeks kind, solvent male for romance and possibly love. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 360159

ISABELLE lovely lady, genuine, honest, loving, caring, 68, N/S, non drinker, slightly disabled, WLTm male for love, companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347305

42YR old female, likes music, dancing, writing, astrology, cats, seeks male with GSOH and similar age. Medway. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 351577

CARING young 62 petite blonde, seeks someone to share doing things with, theatre, dancing and perhaps nights in. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359761

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ATTRACTIVE warm, blonde female, European, 49, seeks very generous male 50 plus who will take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364277

FEMALE seeks kind, caring white male, 42-50, tidy and clean for friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 363197

ELIZABETH caring, honest, reliable, likes most things, seeks older gent, late 70's for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 359589

SLIM attractive, elegant female, likes travel, restaurants, cinema, seeks caring male, 45-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361571

SALLY independent, intelligent, confident, caring female, seeking a similar soul mate. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361575

UNIQUE attractive black female, 37, slim, enjoys music, reading, theatre nature, WLTm genuine gent, 37-49 to share laughter and life, caring, N/S who lives near London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 338151

ANNE 61, 5ft 3ins, medium build, blue eyes, blonde hair, seeks honest male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 361243

65YR old slim brunette, caring, loving, many interests, arts, coastal walks, animals, cooking, seeks attractive, compatible male. Dog owner in Maidstone perfect. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383676

FEMALE 27, seeks older gent, 65 plus to take care of me. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 362207

PATRICIA outgoing, confident, feminine, warm, friendly, smart, good company, attractive, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 347215

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353897

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382910

FIT lady, 65, thinks she's 40, N/S, loves life, seeks genuine gent, 60-70 N/S for happy loving, exciting times. Gravesend. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 353111

SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349999

OLD fashioned girl, 49, fun, friendly, seeks mature male for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382192

GENUINE loving female, 40, seeks loving male, 40-50 for friendship and LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 345487

LADY seeks N/S, clean shaven male to appreciate artistic, romantic, feisty, attractive, slimish, curvy lady of 69 who has not yet joined the wrinkles. Ashford. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 349757

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393

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44YR old male, blond hair, blue eyes, average build, likes nights out, karaoke, walks, cinema, seeks female for fun, maybe LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366915

TERRY 38, 5ft 7ins, 11st, seeks Asian/black female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Maidstone. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918

LISA 42, medium build, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTm caring, down to earth male, 40-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817

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52YR old female, likes walks, animals, theatre, cinema, seeks male for companionship/LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 357291

LATE 20's female seeking older male. Call to hear exactly what I'm like and looking for. I can meet anywhere in London at any time Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356995

TALL slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 356969

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PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613

FUN loving student, 21yrs, ATTRACTIVE, caring, intelligent black lady, seeks educated, genuine, white male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 358937

SOUL love? Stylish male, 5ft 8ins, into music, films, art etc, seeks shapely, attractive female, 28-38 to share enjoyable times, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366795

TALL mature, attractive male, seeks slim, petite, Asian/Oriental/Latino lady for fun LTR. London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 352511

GRAHAM 45, 5ft 8ins, blond, fit, romantic, seeks loving relationship with caring, sincere woman, 30-45. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 364060

TALL attractive mature male, seeks slim, petite, sexy lady for intimate times. Central London. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366681

PHIL medium build, blond hair, blue eyes, likes travel, clubs, cinema, meals out, seeks female for fun and friendship. Bexley Heath. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366635

PROFESSIONAL attractive, friendly, black British female, mid 40's, size 10-12 likes socialising, seeks sincere male of any nationality for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 341125

28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918

DEL 55, 5ft 5ins, seeks attractive black female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Must be a lover of life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 366867

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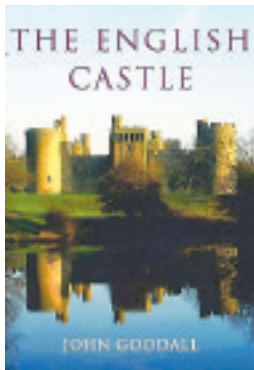
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28YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 380918

BOOK REVIEWS



The English Castle

John Goodall
Yale University Press, £45

KENT has its fair share of castles, and Dover is one of the icons of England – situated on the White Cliffs and defender of these shores from Norman times until the Second World War and even beyond with its network of Cold War bunkers cut deep into the chalk.

The countryside of England is dotted with castles – admittedly few are as imposing as Dover, but they all have a story to tell.

In this lavishly-illustrated work, the author has focused on castles from the 11th to the 17th centuries and their practical uses.

Castles have always been associated with the military, but here Goodall looks at how they were created in response to domestic politics – and even the fortunes of monarchs and noble families who wished to stamp their authority on the landscape.

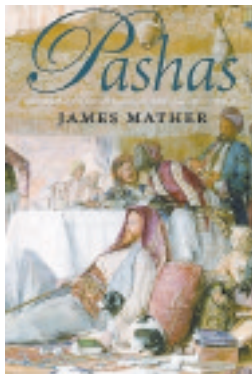
This excellent and absorbing work uses text, photographs and artwork to powerfully explain the true splendour and historical importance of the buildings it documents.

The story itself is told chronologically, with chapters corresponding to who was on the throne of England.

Alongside are dramatic and vivid accounts of the battles and sieges that make the stories of the fortresses so interesting, as well as longer accounts of campaigns such as Edward I's conquest of Wales, which led to the building of some of the most imposing castles still standing.

Social and economic angles are also explored, as is the relationship between the architecture of a castle and that of the churches of the same period.

While it is a bit heavy (in weight) to carry on a day trip around the keeps and battlements of a Medieval fortress, this book will add hugely to the enjoyment and appreciation of any castle visit.



Pashas: Traders And Travellers In The Muslim World

James Mather
Yale University Press, £12.99

THE relationship between the Western world and the Middle East is constantly in the headlines.

From the Crusades and before – as conquering Islamic armies were halted well inside territories now seen as part of western Europe – the interaction has often been violent, with conquest, conflict and exploitation seemingly ever-present.

But in the ages following the abortive attempts to recapture Jerusalem in Medieval times and the colonial era, things were slightly different as the Levant Company sought a foothold in the east.

Founded by Queen Elizabeth I, it is all but forgotten today. But in its time it was an extremely influential body, making fortunes, founding economic dynasties and broadening horizons.

Drawing on previously-untapped sources, scholar and barrister James Mather looks at the travellers and traders known as Pashas who roamed the Ottoman Empire looking to make their fortunes in the markets and souks of the exotic Islamic cities.

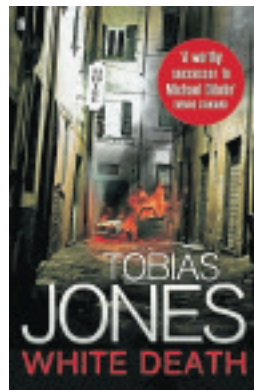
Some followed the pilgrimage routes through Damascus and into Palestine, while others traversed the ancient Silk Road. As well as merchants, envoys, pilgrims, clergymen and even those on a sort of Renaissance 'gap year', all were attracted to what were then perceived as exotic lands of silk, spices and riches.

The Pashas were not warriors – riches and trade, not loot and conquest, were foremost in their minds.

And so they both respected and learnt from the cultures they encountered in the 250

years before the dawn of the 19th century. As well as Muslims, they came into contact with Jews, Armenians and Greeks as they tried to make their fortunes.

At a time when mutual suspicion and even hatred in some quarters seems to characterise the relationship between the West and Islam, this is a valuable book. It tells how those from the European culture travelled with open eyes and open minds and traded and in some cases made their homes among those of a religion currently viewed in a negative light by too many.



White Death

Tobias Jones
Faber and Faber, £12.99

AUTHOR, journalist and sometime resident of Italy, Tobias Jones's second crime novel sees the welcome return of his bee-keeping private detective, Yuri Castagnetti.

The maverick, limping PI with a tragic past finds himself investigating his north Italian city's construction industry when a series of arson attacks lead to the death of an innocent immigrant and are proved to be more than just mindless vandalism.

Scratching the surface of what seems like a small-scale swindle, he soon uncovers a profiteering racket involving political dignitaries – and with far-reaching and murderous consequences.

The settings are excellent throughout and thoroughly convincing, while the action leaves readers in no doubt that the story is moving to an absorbing climax.

Sharing similarities with genre icon Michael Collins's Dan Fortune character, the book's troubled hero has a measured sociological worldview that complements his necessary cynicism and makes the author's work all the more rewarding.

Intelligently and economically composed, this novel offers further evidence that Jones is at the forefront of contemporary crime fiction.

MUSIC

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Swing time Relive thrill of the Rat Pack

Woodville Halls Theatre, Gravesend
Friday, June 10, 8pm
www.ratpack.biz
Box office 01474 33 77 74

THE Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular heads to Gravesend in June, bringing the sounds that charmed a generation. Starring live will be the Rat Pack Trio alongside the Rat Pack Orchestra swinging out all the classic hits of the legendary Dean Martin, the unforgettable Frank Sinatra and the timeless Sammy Davis Junior. The Rat Pack show brings the sights and sounds of the legends to a new level, with added extras of the Fabulous Vegas Show Girls and special guest Marilyn Monroe. Having already played major stadiums around the world, the spectacular has been tried and tested on the tribute circuit. The group makes use of a big-screen video projection to make offering the live show a different dimension. Stunning outfits and colours will take your senses back to those special Vegas nights.



Outdoor gig Pop bands on the forest trail

Bedgebury Forest, near Goudhurst
Saturday, June 11
03000 680400

THE Total Pop! tour is part of Forestry Commission Live Music, where acts perform in spectacular woodland locations across the country. And this year Bedgebury

Forest will play host to 80s cult band Erasure and pop icon Sophie Ellis-Bextor (above). Having become established as a multi-platinum-selling artist over the past decade, Ellis-Bextor has had singles successes like Take Me Home, Get Over You and Murder on the Dancefloor. Erasure, who embraced the electronic sound of the 80s, have come full circle as futuristic sounds return to the pop charts. These shows provide a magical environment for the artists to display their atmospheric talents. Tickets cost £34.50.

Top tribute Counterfeit Stones

Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells
Friday, June 10, 7.30pm
01892 530613

THE Counterfeit Stones celebrate their 20th anniversary with the Exhale On Main Street tour. "The most famous Stones band in England", as quoted by Sir Mick Jagger himself, show no sign of stopping with their cocktail of classic hits, retro costume and humour. The Counterfeit Stones will bring a huge dose of nostalgia to those who were there and an education for those who – sadly – weren't.



TELEVISION

Coming up soon

Dragons' Den gets the feel for an antique test of nerve



Four Rooms

Tuesdays, 8pm, Channel 4

WHAT would happen if you took the Dragons' Den format and injected a little bit of Antiques Roadshow into it? You don't have to worry about the answer to that conundrum any more. No, get on with your life. Channel 4 is about to show you just what the offspring of these two TV juggernauts would be like.

In a new series, four of Britain's top dealers in art, antiques and collectables wait in four separate rooms, each prepared to spend their own personal fortune if the right item comes through their door.

From memorabilia to a mummified mermaid, art to antiques, members of the public come to sell their prized possessions hoping to walk away with a life-changing amount of money. But to do so, they have to work out when to sell and when to see the next dealer, because once they leave the room the offer is off the table for good.

In a gripping game of risk, ambition, and sometimes plain delusion, the sellers give everything they've got to persuade the dealers that their treasure is the real deal, while the dealers have to figure out what the real value of the item is. This test of nerves will dash some hopes, but for others the process could lead to a bigger win than they could have ever dreamt.

Four Rooms provides a unique insight into the compelling world of how deals are struck, as well as fascinating information and history about a dazzling and surprising array of objects.

The show, which has been tipped by pundits to rival Dragons' Den, is presented by Anita Rani (Watchdog, The One Show); the eight-part series introduces dealer experts Emma Hawkins, Andrew Lamberty, Jeff Salmon and Gordon Watson.

The first show features a collection of Christmas cards from Princess Diana to her personal chef, an original 60s Dalek, a cigar owned by Winston Churchill and a Francis Bacon portrait all but destroyed by the artist.



CASH OR TRASH: Four antique-dealers make the offers but will their visitors accept or move on?

Weller cameo could lead Vegas and Ideal to stardom

BACK in 1995, Ben Chaplin, star of UK sitcom Game On, crossed the pond to star in the romantic comedy The Truth About Cats And Dogs with rising star Janeane Garofalo.

Proving that what goes around comes around, Garofalo did the reverse trip a couple of years ago when she was invited to star in this award-winning BBC comedy with Johnny Vegas. She returns for this new run as Moz's (Vegas) arty neighbour Tilly.

Good British sitcoms can go one of two ways.

Ideal

Thursday, May 26, 10.30pm, BBC Three

They can either become cult classics, staying on backdoor channels playing themselves out to a hardcore following. Or their excellence can finally be recognised with a lucrative future of celebrity special guests, high ratings and the eventual transfer to BBC or ITV.

With the news that the opening episode of Ideal's new series will feature Strictly Come

Dancing winner Kara Tointon and the Modfather himself, Paul Weller, we could be about to see another head the same way as The Office or Gavin And Stacey.

For newcomers, the series, penned by Graham Duff, centres on a drug-dealer and his assorted mates and associates. In the first episode, Moz plots to win back the heart of his true-love Jenny, but when he discovers she has joined the police force, his plans are thrown into disarray. Ideal could be about to explode.



SEARCH: Will the world's tallest man find love?

Could love reach amazing heights?

World's Tallest Man: Looking For Love

Thursday, May 26, 10pm, Channel 4

IN September 2009, Sultan Kosen from Turkey was crowned the world's tallest man – and he's still growing.

The 27-year-old, who stands at over eight feet tall, suffers from gigantism, a life-threatening condition that will cause him to grow even further beyond his record-breaking height.

As this documentary discovers, as well as affecting his health, his condition has also hampered his quest for love, and here cameras follow him as he searches for the girl of his dreams. Sultan has already made a new best friend in George Bell, America's tallest man, and things appear to be looking up as he then meets a woman whom he takes on his first-ever date.

But there are more challenges ahead for Sultan as he looks into a potentially life-saving operation.

It's not the first time he has been under the knife – he was born into a poor family, whose members spent most of their money on hospital treatment to remove the tumour on Sultan's pituitary gland that was causing him to grow taller.

As a result, Sultan grew up scared and alone. For the first time, Sultan invites viewers into his new home in Ankara and takes the film-makers back to where it all began and where his family open their hearts.

However, Sultan's 8ft 1in body continues to grow, threatening his life. In need of urgent treatment, this documentary follows him on an inspirational journey across the world as he goes in search of life-saving surgery.

This revealing documentary delves deep into the mind of the troubled 27-year-old and bears witness to his remarkable transformation from shy recluse into worldwide star.

But as this film uncovers, his biggest challenges are still to come. Sultan also pays a visit to the Guinness World Records offices in London, where he is remeasured, and it's here that he will be given some bittersweet news.

He strives to make it to Virginia, United States, in time to meet Dr Mary Lee Vance, one of the world's leading gigantism experts.

Will she provide the life-saving surgery he needs? Or will his remarkable life come to a premature end? This is the emotional story of the world's tallest man and his fight for survival.

Channel 4 continues to set the bar in bringing incredible documentaries to our screens... from Dispatches, tackling some of the nation's most personal and shocking subjects, to Bodyshock, which reveals the lives of people considered different to the 'average'.

The story of the world's tallest man has once again captured perfectly the mood and feelings of its subject without pushing into the realms of exploitation. If Channel 4 was a satellite channel, some would end up paying a lot of money for it.

FILMS

OUR TOP FIVE

1 Hanna (12A) Sixteen-year-old Hanna (Saoirse Ronan) lives in snowbound Scandinavia with her father Erik (Eric Bana), honing the fighting skills she will need for the perilous mission that lies ahead: to kill ruthless CIA agent Wiegler (Cate Blanchett). Once trained and primed for action, Hanna bids farewell to her father and embarks on her quest to kill, with trained assassin Isaacs (Tom Hollander) on her trail.

2 Thor (12A) In the fantastic realm of Asgard, ruled by Odin (Anthony Hopkins), Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is an arrogant heir to the throne. He acts first and thinks later. Odin strips his son of powers and despatches him to Earth as punishment; there he befriends scientist Erik Selvig (Stellan Skarsgard) and protegee Jane Foster (Natalie Portman) and must face the same trials as any mere mortal.

3 Arthur (12A) Arthur Bach (Russell Brand) is heir to his family's vast fortune, presided over by his emotionally-cold mother, Vivienne (Geraldine James). Vivienne informs Arthur that he will marry corporate executive Susan Johnson (Jennifer Garner) to ensure she can take charge of the company. If Arthur refuses, he will be cut off from his inheritance and the lifestyle he has known since birth.

4 Fast & Furious 5 (12A) Former detective Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) and lover Mia Toretto (Jordana Brewster) spring her brother Dom (Vin Diesel) from a prison bus, then cross borders, eventually hiding out in Rio with Dom's childhood friend Vince (Matt Schulze). The fugitives are double-crossed by drug-lord Reyes (Joaquim De Almeida) and they vow their revenge.

5 The Way (12A) Tom (Martin Sheen) is an American optometrist whose perfect round of golf with his country-club chums is ruined by news that his son Daniel (Emilio Estevez) has been killed in the Pyrenees in a storm. The medic flies to France and discovers that Daniel died on the El Camino de Santiago, a 800-kilometre spiritual pilgrimage. Tom grabs his son's backpack and decides to complete the pilgrimage in Daniel's honour.

NEW RELEASES



Water For Elephants

12A 110 minutes

TWILIGHT pin-up Robert Pattinson puts a little colour in his cheeks in Francis Lawrence's gorgeously-framed adaptation of the novel by Sara Gruen about a doomed love affair in a 1930s circus troupe.

Water For Elephants is an important barometer of the young actor's appeal away from Stephenie Meyer's feuding vampires and werewolves, and an indication of his potential longevity as a romantic male lead.

Pattinson acquires himself well, playing to his strengths – angry glances straight into the camera – as one point of

a volatile love triangle that is destined to end in tragedy.

He demonstrates impressive emotional range and although screen chemistry with Oscar-winner Reese Witherspoon doesn't set our hearts aflutter, they are an attractive pairing.

The film opens in the present day with nonagenarian Jacob Jankowski (Hal Holbrook) arriving at a circus managed by Charlie (Paul Schneider) during a downpour.

At first, Charlie thinks that the confused old man has strayed from a care home, but it soon transpires that Jacob spent his formative years with the infamous Benzini Bros Circus.

"Got anything to drink around here that isn't apple juice?" asks Jacob as the two men sit down in the office, drying off.

With a glass of liquor to hand, Jacob begins to recount his incredible life story, stepping back in time seven decades to his student days at Cornell University.

Poised to take his final veterinary exam, Jacob (now played by Pattinson) learns that his parents have been killed in a car accident and abandons his studies.

With debts to pay and no roof over his head, the young man hitches a ride on a passing train, unaware it belongs to the circus run by August Rosenbluth (Christoph Waltz).

The tyrant physically and mentally abuses animals and performers, including his beautiful wife Marlena (Witherspoon), who rides the horses.

When Jacob falls under Marlena's spell, he tries to resist his feelings, working alongside the wife to win the trust of a special elephant.

However, when August notices the way that the young man stares at Marlena, he exacts a horrific revenge.

Water For Elephants casts a spell with its arresting visuals and the cast looks ravishing through a soft-focus lens.

Cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto provides a picturesque canvas for Richard LaGravenese's screenplay.

Priest 3D

12A 87 minutes

VAMPIRES sink their computer-generated fangs into a post-apocalyptic vision of the Wild West in Scott Stewart's action adventure based on the graphic-novel series by Hyung Min-woo.

Designed for the 3D format, Priest doesn't propagate romantic visions of the immortal bloodsuckers a la Twilight.

Here, vampires are sun-starved, bat-like predators with transparent skins and no eyes which compensate for their blindness with extraordinary hearing and smell.

Humans bitten by these monsters do not take on a similar form.

Instead they become familiars – pallid vampire slaves, condemned to do the creatures' bidding during daylight hours.

Priest is a pedestrian tale of good versus evil, punctuated by well-choreographed action sequences that rely too heavily on digital effects.

Q performs gravity-defying acrobatics with aplomb in her skirmishes, but it's not enough to paper over the gaps in her underwritten role, and Urban goes through the motions with striking contact lenses.

The 3D is largely redundant, except in scenes at the vampire hive, where torch beams flicker on walls, giving us a sense of the honeycomb-like tunnels stretching far into the distance which is extremely effective.



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FASHION

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THIS interesting Tudor-style home from the 1920s is now on the market. Sandtiles in Saltwood near Hythe is being marketed by local agency Champion and Co. The asking price for the property is £675,000 freehold.

It is a unique detached home, on the market for the first time in more than 30 years. The rear garden has a lovely outlook with glimpses of the sea.

The accommodation includes an entrance hall, cloakroom with toilet, spacious L-shaped living room, dining room, inner hall, butler's pantry and kitchen/breakfast room. There are three bedrooms (with the possibility of



reinstating a fourth), en-suite bathroom, family bathroom, burglar alarm, attractive stone fireplaces, detached double garage and workshop.

There is also a self-contained flat/studio

with kitchenette and bathroom. The half-acre garden is extremely well stocked and includes a large greenhouse.

The house has rendered elevations and is beamed and tile-hung under a tiled roof with

some flat-roof areas. It has lead-light double-glazing and gas central-heating. The studio above the garage could be used as an office if working from home.

Internally the property has many interesting

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features of the arts and crafts style, including beamed rooms and oak throughout. There is ample parking for several vehicles and the gardens have many mature shrubs, trees and plants. The view across the lawn shows the sea in the distance.

Sandtils is well located in a popular residential area close to the centre of Saltwood. There is a picturesque village green, shop, restaurant and public house.

Saltwood itself is about a mile or so from nearby Hythe, with its selection of supermarkets, shops, dentists, doctors and surgeries. The house is well placed for travelling. The M20 is about two miles away, placing Ashford and beyond within easy reach.

There is also a train station at Sandling, and the high-speed link can be caught from either Folkestone (five miles) or Ashford (12 miles) to St Pancras, which also offers Eurostar services to Paris and Brussels.

For the Continent the Channel Tunnel terminal on the outskirts of Folkestone is within easy reach by car, with Canterbury about 17 miles inland.

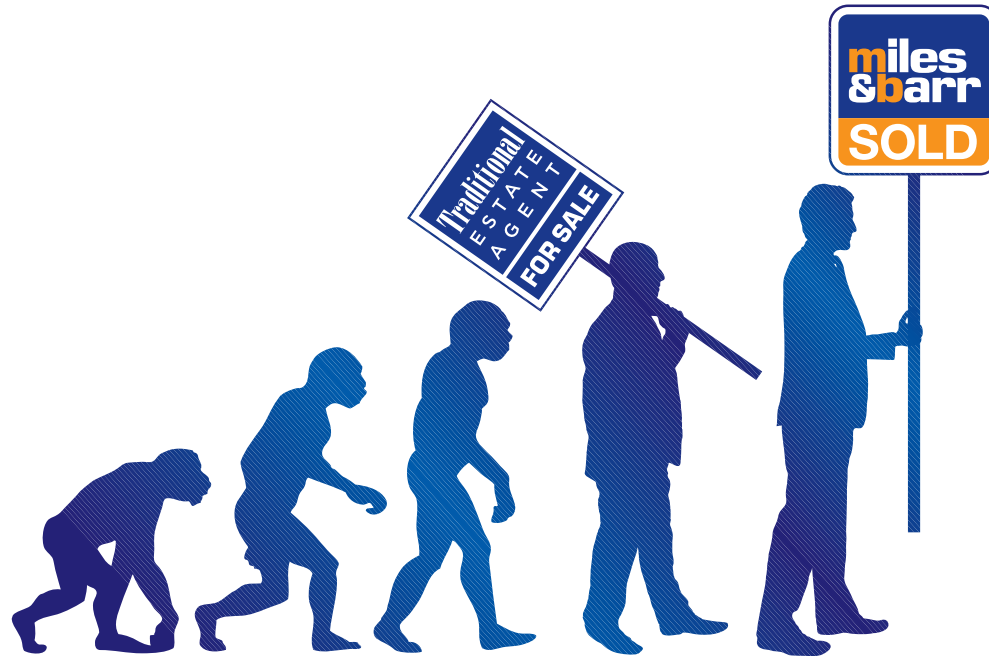
There are good local recreational facilities, including watersport clubs on the coast, cricket and tennis clubs at Hythe and fine golf courses.

The property has delightful views over adjoining school grounds, with the English Channel in the distance.

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ON BOARD: Whitstable properties have a range of attractive styles; weatherboarding is among them

Islington-on-Sea riding the storm

WHITSTABLE has enjoyed an extraordinary renaissance in recent years as it has been marketed – some would say over-marketed – as the classic weekend retreat for Londoners. While arguably not as fashionable or as attractive as East Anglian coastal towns like Southwold and Aldeburgh, or some resorts in the West Country, its ease of access and short distance from the capital has ensured that its latter-day tag of Islington-on-Sea is now widely known.

And there is unquestionably plenty to draw the DFLs (Down From London), with an ever-expanding range of restaurants, attractive beaches and charming shops and boutiques.

Whitstable's historic harbour and the famous oysters that have spread the town's name far and wide are just a couple of its attractions. There is also a castle with gardens.

Many of the more sought-after homes are along the distinctive and unusually-named alleyways that run throughout the town and are intertwined with its history.

Sales of homes in central Whitstable, especially those in the popular conservation area, have been robust despite the recession and buyers are more drawn to the town in the summer, with 75 per cent of all sales being completed between April and August.

Innovation is a feature of the town and the harbour, built in 1831, was the first in the

world to be served by a railway. It has been subject to a planning dispute in recent years, with nearby residents objecting to plans for a hotel and other development. The issue is still unresolved.

The internationally-renowned oyster festival and biennale provide weeks of entertainment.

Harbour Day is a day of celebration and focuses on the harbour, including the spectacular Thames barge race; a model railway celebrates both the harbour's history and today's operations.

The fishing fleet and a tour of the boat Union Pluto are added attractions.

Sited on the Long Beach, immediately east of the harbour basin, some 30 beach huts have been provided by the harbour board for rent.

Beach huts have been a feature of the Whitstable shoreline for more than a

century and, painted in a multitude of colours, they bring a vibrancy to the seafront, offering an ideal base from which to enjoy not only the beach but everything else the town offers.

Seafront properties, when they come on the market, are still highly sought-after despite the economic downturn. Prices are relatively low on the outskirts of town but increase markedly along the seafront, where the desire for second homes is highest.

Among the celebrities who have made the town their home – either as permanent residents or as occasional visitors – are the late actor Peter Cushing, comic Harry Hill and TV presenter Janet Street-Porter.



PROPERTY SPOTLIGHT ON WHITSTABLE

What makes it special?

FAMOUS for its oysters and with a number of excellent restaurants, Whitstable is one of the most attractive seaside towns in Kent. Tourism thrives and the working harbour is home to many events. Historically, the town has a great literary and artistic heritage and it was home to one of the first railways ever built. Picturesque alleyways connect the town centre to the seafront and exploring them reveals hidden delights in the forms of cafes, pubs and shops every few hundred yards. It is now at the forefront of the alternative-energy generation as a vast windfarm has been constructed offshore.

Room to improve

THE popularity of the town can make it extremely crowded, especially in the summer. Booking is often necessary at the top restaurants. The main street is narrow, causing traffic congestion at peak periods and parking spaces are always sought after, again especially during the summer months.

Prices

AVERAGE price for a detached home at present is about the £400,000 mark, with new-build semis priced around £220,000. Character terraced houses are slightly more at £240,000, while flats, both one- and two-bedroom, vary from £140,000 to £170,000. Rentals are also available, with homes occupied in the summer sometimes available at good prices for the rest of the year. On the town's outskirts, prices drop quite dramatically as the character of the area becomes similar to any other small town.

Shops

THE town centre has all the usual convenience stores and there is an out-of-town shopping centre within easy reach. There is also a number



of speciality stores selling souvenirs and produce, especially the famous oysters. The town is also home to a number of book and antique stores, which can be the source of excellent bargains. Among the restaurants in the town is the popular and award-winning Wheelers, with its front counter selling high-quality seafood. A farmers' market is held in Mary's Hall, Oxford Street, on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month between 9.30am and 2pm. It aims to have mostly organic-produce stalls, and all stalls are run by businesses within a 30-mile radius.

Schools

THE town's secondary school is The Community College Whitstable. It changed its name from Sir William Nottidge School in 1998. In 2009, 25 per cent of its pupils gained at least five GCSEs at grades A*-C. Many students living in Whitstable commute to schools in other nearby towns, especially to the grammar schools in Faversham and Canterbury. The town's public primary schools include Whitstable Junior School, Whitstable And Seasalter Church Of England Junior School, Westmeads Infant School, Swalecliffe Community Primary School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, St Alphege CofE

Primary School and Joy Lane Primary School.

Connections

WHITSTABLE is on the main London to Ramsgate railway line, with connections to London in about an hour and 30 minutes. Faversham station also has high-speed trains to London which take around one hour. Buses run frequently to Canterbury and the University of Kent, which is just outside the city. The A299 Thanet Way leads directly to the M2, which heads to London and the rest of the UK's motorway network via the M25.

What's on

THE Whitstable Oyster Festival is all about Whitstable, old and new. It is a week of festivity celebrating the town's fascinating history and unique heritage alongside its contemporary talent and enthusiasm for fun while at the same time commemorating the most famous local product. Whitstable Harbour Match sees vessels including oyster smacks and bawleys, replica smacks, Thames barges and traditional gaff-rigged boats taking part in races. There is also a theatre and museum.

Around and about

THE cathedral city of Canterbury is just seven miles away with its attractions, shops, restaurants and pubs. Herne Bay is a (quite long) seaside walk away and offers a slightly more brash seaside experience, while a few miles in the opposite direction is Faversham with its folk festival and Shepherd Neame brewery, which is open to visitors. Offshore are some of the strangest structures in Britain – a series of forts on high stilts which housed anti-aircraft guns during the Second World War. There are boat tours out to these eerie relics and to the more modern wind farms.



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Saddleton Road

THIS five/six-bedroom weatherboarded house has just been comprehensively refurbished. The property is on a double-width 45ft plot, set back from the road with a gravelled drive and off-street parking for two cars.

On entering the property you are led down the entrance hall, which opens up in the stair hallway, to two bedrooms, a games room, bathroom, office, dining room, kitchen and living room. The first floor plays host to an additional two bedrooms and a second bathroom. The home's south-west-facing garden is 45ft wide and 62ft long and includes a 30ft sun-deck.

The green space is private and not overlooked. It also includes a shed and workshop and fruit trees. The property's location is ideal as it is just a 10-minute walk from Whitstable beach.

AGENT: Harvey Richards and West
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Family house occupies an ideal setting

£379,995

Bayview Road

PERFECT setting, beautiful home – this individual four/five-bedroom detached family home is on a private road and within walking distance of Whitstable town centre. Good fast road links serving London are within reach. The house is offered for sale in immaculate condition throughout and has the benefits of double-glazing. Gas central-heating and stunning sea views.

AGENT: Miles & Barr
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Weatherboarded property just minutes from the beach



Three-bedroom home in sought-after location

£412,500

Church Street

A RARE opportunity has arisen in the sale of this Hubert Childs-built home, in the highly sought-after location of Church Street. Ideally situated between

Whitstable and Tankerton, this wonderful three-bedroom detached house sits on an amazing 200ft x 60ft plot with uninterrupted field views to the front and a beautifully-created 105ft rear garden. The house was completed in 1959 and is arranged over two floors, totalling 1,249 sq ft. It includes a conservatory,

garage, timber-glazed summer house and two shaded gazebos. The lawn stretches past two greenhouses and a gravel garden before ending at a vegetable patch. The perimeter has 10ft hedges and fencing. **AGENT: Harvey Richards and West**
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Home is close to both coast and the city

£595,950

Pean Hill

THIS detached family home is midway between Whitstable and Canterbury. It is on a plot of some 172ft x 82ft; accommodation comprises under-cover entrance porch, entrance hall, inner hall, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, utility room, dining room, reception room/bedroom five and a cloakroom to the ground floor. Upstairs is a galleried landing and four further bedrooms (two with en-suite) and a further family bathroom. There is a 100ft x 82ft secluded rear garden.

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No chain for this cosy cottage

£120,000

Borstal Hill

YOU won't get caught up in a chain when you buy this end-of-terrace cottage as it is being offered for sale with immediate vacant possession. This property is locally listed and has been owned by the current family for more than 30 years. The interior is laid

out in a typical fashion for the era, with a lounge and separate dining room plus kitchen on the ground floor and two bedrooms plus a bathroom on the first floor. To the rear of the house is a pretty cottage-style garden, which is partially walled and has a brick-built garden store. A bus stop practically outside provides a service into town. **AGENT: Ward & Partners**
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Spacious family home

£850 pcm

Maydowns Road

THIS three-bedroom detached house is perfect for a family with friends as it sits behind a grand driveway that can accommodate three/four cars. The property is spacious throughout and in good decorative order. It boasts

a modern bathroom and kitchen and is found in the quiet, sought-after location of Chestfield. The house is in the centre of the town's hub, no more than a mile from the train station, hospital, school and supermarket. The property comes unfurnished and is available from next month.

AGENT: Miles & Barr
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Beams highlight cottage's old charm

£750 pcm

Borstal Hill

BEAUTIFUL wooden beams run throughout the ground

floor of this immaculate two-bedroom cottage, which dates back to the 1600s. The property consists of an open-plan reception with separate kitchen, bedrooms, bathroom and separate toilet.

The private rear garden is a real gem and includes a large paved area, perfect for enjoying summer evenings.
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01227 647067



Ideal location near station and seaside

£750 pcm

Sydenham Street

THIS redecorated two/three-bedroom terraced house is in a conservation area and conveniently located within walking distance of shops, beach and train station. The property has a lounge, dining room, kitchen and bathroom, plus two double bedrooms and a single third bedroom off one of the doubles. The house also has a courtyard garden. It is wholly suitable for a professional family and is available from mid-June.

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Oak flooring in two-bed bungalow

£1,200 pcm

Radnor Close

THIS stunning three/four-bedroom detached

bungalow offers spacious accommodation and has been refurbished throughout with solid-oak flooring, central heating and ample off-street parking including a garage. The property is in the quiet

village of Herne, which has excellent transport links to Herne Bay, Whitstable and Canterbury.

AGENT: Harvey Richards & West
01227 647067



Refurbished two-bed flat

£695 pcm

Bluefield Mews

THIS modern two-bedroom second-floor property would be ideal for a professional couple or a small family. The interior is immaculate throughout and has been recently refurbished, with the new kitchen notable. The flat includes a bathroom, large lounge/diner and good-size bedrooms. Drivers will enjoy discounted insurance rates as the property comes with a garage and allocated parking. The property, which is close to town, comes unfurnished.
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Stunning views on offer

£1,400 pcm

West Beach

A RARE opportunity to rent a two-bedroom house in a seafront location has arisen. The property comprises two bedrooms with an additional

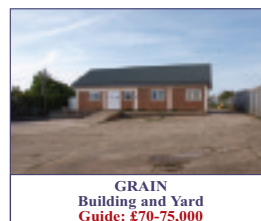
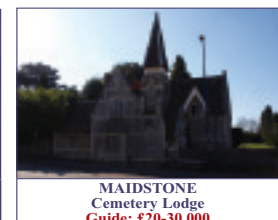
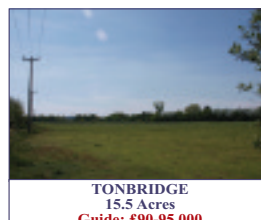
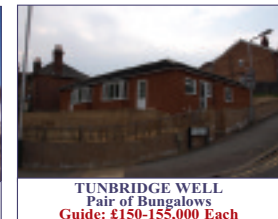
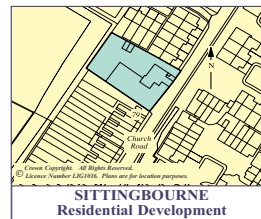
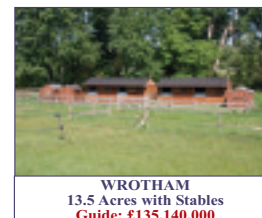
viewing room with a balcony offering stunning views over the estuary. Benefits include large rear garden with a raised decking area, off-street parking, ample storage and easy access to Whitstable.
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Micra is still a little gem

By Sam Davison

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NISSAN'S original Micra arrived in the UK in 1983, not with a bang, but more of a whimper.

The all-new supermini model was all but ignored: the styling was bland and Japanese marques had an unremarkable record in that sector.

But over nearly 10 years' production, it won people over for its spaciousness, easy driving and reliability. It was a driving school favourite and, 20 years after its demise, first generation Micras are still common on UK roads.

Evidence of a slow burn is that it nearly made the UK sales top ten in 1990 – just two years before it was replaced.

But Nissan was careful next time to make the Micra more eye-catching; if ever a car could be called cuddly, then the Mark 2 of 1992 was just that. A six-year-old could have penned it, with Nissan appearing to issue a challenge to the motor market: "Just try ignoring that then, mate."

Being the first Micra built at the marque's Sunderland plant also helped UK buyers fall for the little car and when its replacement arrived in 2002, the visual attention to detail was even more evident.

This Mark 3 was so radically different to anything in its class that Nissan's marketing used a lexicon of new words to describe its characteristics, while the retro interior was almost a work of art.

Why the history lesson? Well Nissan has come full circle with the Mark 4 Micra launched here last year.

It signals a return to the functionality of the original 1980s car, while its UK link has also been severed; this car, like its Pixo city car sister, is built in India, leaving the production line slot at Sunderland to be commandeered by the thrusting all-new Juke crossover supermini.

The story being told here is: as we all down-

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Although the new Nissan Micra rides well and is good value for money, but don't expect rally-like performance

size, one supermini model cannot suit everyone in a sector where sales have mushroomed.

The latest Micra has become Nissan's default supermini option, while the butch-looking Juke goes for glamour sales against the likes of the BMW Mini, Fiat 500 and Citroën DS3.

So I climbed into the new Micra with a sense of déjà vu: the new car is roomy, incredibly easy to live with, rides well on increasingly patchy UK roads and will woo your wallet – just don't expect it to win your heart.

Like its Mark 1 forerunner, it does what it says on the tin, being cheap to buy (from £9,250) and taking you from A to B efficiently.

You don't even have to think hard about which version to buy, since there is just the one five-door hatch body and all five variants come with the same low emission 80PS (79bhp) 1.2-litre petrol engine, available with a

five-speed manual 'box able to average in the mid-50s for mpg, or a CVT auto that is only moderately more thirsty.

The engine may be thrifty and willing, but its three-cylinder layout makes it typically raucous at times if you try to wring out more revs.

But the conservative styling, smooth cruising from the high top gear, all-round economy, light and easy steering, a chassis set up for comfort, plus decent spec at a good price mean would-be buyers are not those looking for rally-like performance and handling.

The dashboard is quite funky, but the quality of the materials used does rather reflect the car's modest pricing. Rear space, particularly headroom, marks a big improvement over its predecessor though and the boot and overall load space with seats down is impressive for this class, again marking a return to the past.

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AUDI has confirmed that order books will open in June for its new Q3 compact SUV, priced from £24,560.

It is the third in the sharply-styled Q-model series, but the first to offer a front-wheel drive economy variant.

This will deliver the possibility of averaging more than 50mpg by using a 2.0-litre TDI 140PS (138bhp) diesel.



Skoda worthy of green label

SKODA has recorded a remarkable 127.8mpg with its eco-friendly Skoda Greenline II.

Austrian economy driving specialist Gerhard Plattner, covered 1,246 miles from Austria to Denmark on a single 45-litre tank of fuel, bettering the 83.1mpg official combined fuel figure for the 74bhp 1.2-litre diesel hatchback, which is priced at £13,685.



i40 saloon set to be unveiled

HYUNDAI has unveiled the saloon version of its upcoming i40 contender in the 'D' or so-called Mondeo sector.

The car's debut at the Barcelona Motor Show followed the global debut of the i40 estate at Geneva in March.

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Classy 308 joins stop/start revolution

1ST DRIVE

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PEUGEOT has put down a marker in the eco motoring sector as part of a comprehensive facelift for its 308 family hatchback, arriving at dealers now.

The 3008 is now offered with the French marque's slick e-HDi stop and start technology and partnered with a manual gearbox – e-HDi made its debut just a few weeks ago on Peugeot's classy new 508 company car motor, but minus the clutch pedal.

That version does not really wow the driver, though the sums add up for company drivers.

The six-speed manual version fitted to the 308, on the other hand, puts the driver more in touch. It underlines its value too with a running total of how long the engine is switched off while sitting at the lights, or simply crawling in stop-go traffic. I was staggered to see 10 minutes logged on a journey that took 30 minutes.

Of course, it would be even better if it could tell you how much fuel it saved in that time, but this is probably a tall order – maybe next time though, judging by technical strides now being made across the motor industry.

But are stop/start systems for everyone? Only if they come bundled as part of the bargain. If



you don't do much city driving and must pay extra – it starts at around £900 with the 308 – then maybe it's not for you.

The revitalised 308 range (from £15,245) does deserve careful consideration though. Peugeot calls it 'new 308', which is a bit over the top since the car was launched in 2007, and then as a comprehensive re-work of its 307 predecessor. There's nothing wrong in that when the 308's two arch-rivals, the Ford Focus and VW Golf, have also virtually skipped a generation too in recent years.

I mention it though because, while 307 styling could be seen in the 308, the car was a revelation inside and on the road; Peugeot reset the bar very high on interior design and quality

at this level, while the 308's on-road standards were a notch higher than its predecessor's.

The pièce de résistance came with the coupe convertible 308CC spin-off two years later, offering a leather dashboard option that would not have disgraced a car costing twice the price.

For the facelift, there are tweaks to the cabin but the main points of difference are meaner and cleaner engines with lower road tax, a 25-kilo cut in weight across the range and exterior styling touches that make the car sleeker and smarter, paying dividends with a segment-beating 0.28 drag coefficient on fuel economy versions.

Most noticeable cosmetically though is a toning down of the Peugeot 'gaping maw'

grille, noticeably absent – thank heavens – from the elegant 508. The 308 front end now looks cleaner and fresher, while LED running lights give a more upmarket look.

There is the usual wide choice of engines with Peugeot's legendary diesels expected to take two-thirds of sales, augmented in July by a road tax beating, low-emission eco diesel model, the Oxygo. The five-door hatch will continue to dominate body choice, with the CC (from £21,295) taking around two per cent of sales and the SW (estate) taking about eight. However, the latter (from £16,245) continues to impress with its mix of capacity and class, plus the brilliant full-length glass roof fitted to all but the entry models.



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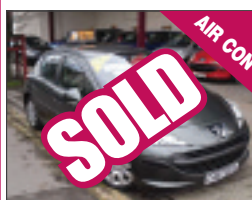
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2008 (08) NISSAN QASHQAI ACENTA SDR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles.....	£14,995
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A6, 1.9 Tdi 130 SE, 2005, blue, 122000 miles, £6000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7T QUATTRO SPORT, 2002, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights metallic paint leather interior multiple airbags power steering sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer roof bars adjustable steering column front armrest body coloured bumpers lumbar support height adj drivers seat, blue, 78000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

A6, 2.7 Tdi S-LINE MULTITRONIC, 2006, quartz, 62000 miles, 2000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, TDI QUATTRO 240 S-LINE, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic cd player central locking climate control cruise control diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights half leather trim immobiliser power fold mirrors multiple airbags isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point height adj drivers seat, grey, 14033 miles, £35000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

Q7, 3.0 Tdi Se Tiptronic, 2008, abs brakes automatic transmission cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, black, 16588 miles, £27000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 2.0T FSI, 2006, silver, 63000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

TT, 1.8 T Quattro, 2001, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels electric windows front fog lights half leather trim heated seats immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, silver, 25000 miles, £9500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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CAPTIVA, 2.0 VCDI LTX 7 SEATS, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels cd player diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, tbc, 64000 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KALOS, SE (AC), 2008, abs brakes air conditioning cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 10019 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

KALOS, 1.4 SX, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering twin airbags adjustable steering column, pearl black, 15782 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE, 2008, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser power steering, silver, 13090 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

MATIZ, S, 2007, alarm fitted cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags body coloured bumpers, poly silver, 36703 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

TACUMA, 1.6 SX, 2006, abs brakes cd player electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering remote central locking, blue, 30509 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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500, MULTIJET POP, 2009, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows power steering, silver, 5532 miles, £9000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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BRAVO, DYNAMIC ECO, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel electric windows power steering, black, 3000 miles, £15000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

CROMA, 1.9 MULTIJET ELEGANZA, 2006, abs brakes alloy wheels cd player climate control diesel electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering remote central locking, grey, 48073 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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DOBLO, Multijet, 2010, abs brakes cd player central locking diesel drivers airbag electric windows, beige, 5736 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 MULTIJET FAMILY - 7 SEATER, 2008, abs brakes cd player diesel electric windows immobiliser power steering tonneau cover trip computer twin airbags remote central locking, numba red, 25991 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

DOBLO, 1.3 Multijet Active, 2007, abs brakes electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering split folding rear seats trip computer remote front armrest rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, metallic bolero red, 21000 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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MULTIPLA, 2.0, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights heated seats immobiliser, blue, 55 miles, £15000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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PUNTO, 1.2, 2008, abs brakes cd player air conditioning alloy wheels cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser multiple airbags power steering, grey, 4331 miles, £10500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

SCUDO, Kombi 9 Seat LWB A/C METALLIC REAR PARK, 2010, air conditioning cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering remote central locking, met grey, 100 miles, £15400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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LS, IS 250 SR AUTO, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning automatic transmission cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows multiple airbags power steering trip computer remote central locking adjustable steering column 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, black, 27806 miles, £14000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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2, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £12800, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

2, 1.4, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, green, 55 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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3, 1.6 TAKARA SDR, 2008, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser power steering single cd player remote central locking adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear headrests height adj drivers seat, black, 21000 miles, £8000, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

3 TS2, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering single cd player split folding rear seats tinted glass tonneau cover trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers rear armrest rear headrests heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, ice blue, 33700 miles, £6500, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

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5, 2.00 SPORT, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser multi cd player control trip computer remote central locking roof bars remote audio controls adjustable steering column front armrest body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, blue, 55500 miles,

£8500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

6, 1.8, 2008, blue, 55 miles, £21200, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

6, 2.2d (163) TS2, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alloy wheels blue tooth car kit cd player climate control cruise control diesel electric windows heated seats immobiliser metallic paint mp3 player power steering trip computer front passenger air bag de-activation switch remote central locking isofix child seat points auto headlights and wipers remote audio controls adjustable steering column front armrest body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear armrest rear headrests 3x3 point rear seat belts heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat space saver spare wheel, blue, 2000 miles, £20000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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MX-5, ROADSTER COUPE, 2007, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys cd player central locking climate control drivers airbag electric windows full service history immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering tinted glass remote central locking remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers, grey, 14000 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

RX-8, R3, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys blue tooth car kit cd player central locking climate control cruise control drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights full service history half leather trim heated seats immobiliser metallic paint multi cd player power fold mirrors multiple airbags power steering reverse parking aid sports seats tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags xenon headlamps front parking sensors remote central locking auto headlights and wipers remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers lumbar support rear armrest rear headrests heated door mirrors height adj drivers seat, velocity, 15300 miles, £13000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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WITH TIM HARVEY

Touring car legend **TIM HARVEY** has teamed up with Archant KOS Media this season to bring you a weekly column as he looks to retain his Porsche Carrera Cup title. Harvey, who was brought up in Sevenoaks and schooled in Tonbridge, is in his second spell with Wrotham-based team Motorbase Performance. He describes his defence of the Carrera Cup crown as well as sharing his thoughts, as an ITV commentator, on the British Touring Car Championship

‘BTCC must not lose characters’

“JASON Plato's been very outspoken about the driving standards in this season's British Touring Car Championship following his shunt at Donington Park.

He described some of the driving as 'appalling' and 'unacceptable' and you have to say, there were an unusually high number of incidents at Donington.

However, at Thruxton, the racing was very good. There were some racing incidents, but the driving standard was generally very good.

I think there's a fine line between very close racing and rule-breaking.

At Donington there were a few too many incidents, but that's the risk you run when you have very competitive racing.

You run that risk when you have success ballast for the cars at the front and reverse grids, when you're establishing a situation of starting the fastest cars behind the slower ones.

That's unusual in motorsport because you normally have the fastest cars at the front and then people wonder why they never get any decent racing. It's certainly a recipe for entertaining racing.

Jason spoke about newcomers to the championship needing to have a greater spatial awareness when they're behind the wheel, and it's true that can be an issue.

The very nature of touring cars means you get cars on all sides of you at all times and that can be an unusual experience for some driving in the championship for the first time. The championship is quite unlike anything else, but Jason was in their shoes once upon a time.

I think it's a case of some people finding their feet and everybody does have to take some responsibility.

This week, Jeff Allam returned as the driving standards advisor and I think that's good, to have an ex-driver looking at the incidents when he himself has been involved in hundreds of races.

He knows the game inside-out and the organisers of the championship really had to take control, otherwise things could have got out of hand.

There's absolutely no doubt that you need characters like Jason Plato in the championship. The day BTCC drivers become stereotypical clones, too worried to state their feelings is the day people will start switching off.

Touring cars is all about characters, people who speak their mind, it's the WWF of motorsport.

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TENNIS

Cavaday happy in retirement after winning off-court battle

EXCLUSIVE by David Pritchard

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AFTER spending years battling against and overcoming depression and an eating disorder, Naomi Cavaday has retired from professional tennis to focus on raising awareness of the issues to young athletes.

The British number six, who reached a career-high 174 on the world rankings, made the decision public last month after weighing up the merits of hanging up her racket, aged just 22.

By doing so she revealed the extent to which her professional career had been played out with problems in the background. The Sidcup-born talent competed for three years while receiving treatment for an eating disorder, before suffering from depression. Although keen to point out a full recovery has been made from both, Cavaday feels stepping down is the right decision.

"I've overcome them but I've reached a decision that I no longer want to compete," she said.

"I don't think it's the fear of them returning, but I recognised I wasn't happy doing it, with the amount of travel and the stress and pressure.

"It's difficult to deal with at the best of times and when you're struggling within yourself it exaggerates everything. It's more just a choice, I don't think it's the right thing for me to be doing."

Progression to elite tennis came as a surprise as Cavaday spent her early years playing more for enjoyment than hope of forging a career.

It transformed suddenly aged 15 and progress was so rapid that she made her Wimbledon debut in 2006 a week before appearing in the junior competition for the first time. A year after facing Ai Sugiyama she had match points against Martina Hingis and the following year played defending champion Venus Williams on Centre Court.

Cavaday won three ITF titles, but problems away from tennis unquestionably hampered performances on it.

"When the eating disorder was the biggest



HIGHLIGHT: Naomi Cavaday faced champion Venus Williams on Centre Court at Wimbledon in 2008

problem it was very difficult to train," she said. "I was tired all the time and I couldn't sleep properly because I wasn't fuelled properly at all. It was a very exhausting and emotional time.

"Then in the last year when it's been more depression I've struggled with, it's been very difficult when I've been away from home because I wasn't feeling good in myself. In any walk of life it's very difficult to perform when you don't have that belief and confidence in yourself."

Hundreds of messages of support have flooded in during the last fortnight and Cavaday, who retains a deep love of her sport and is coaching girls at the Bromley Tennis Academy, is determined to turn her experiences into a positive.

She is poised to become a junior ambassador for eating disorder charity, beat, and is also assisting the Lawn Tennis Association in providing support to young players.

"Mental health is a massive topic, everybody knows somebody with problems and I think it should be normalised so people feel they can speak about it," Cavaday said. "Once I came to terms with it I started panicking thinking I was the only one, but when you do start talking about it you recognise so many people deal with it."

"The message I'd like to get across to anyone going through a similar thing is I've completely overcome it, I'm in a fantastic place and that's something to be really proud of."

FOOTBALL

Ebbsfleet ready to handle strains of a Premier return

LIFE back in the top flight of non-league football holds no fears for Ebbsfleet United following their promotion via the Conference South play-offs last weekend.

The Fleet beat Farnborough 4-2 to seal their return to Conference Premier a year after relegation from the same division.

Since Ebbsfleet dropped out of the league, the Conference has developed an even more northern bias, with trips to Fleetwood, Darlington, Grimsby and Lincoln replacing more 'local' fixtures against Grays, Crawley, Eastbourne and Stevenage.

Increased travel costs place an obvious strain on the club's finances, but Fleet chairman Phil Sonsara insists they will have no difficulty holding their own on and off the field.

"It's not a problem," he said. "I look at clubs like Gateshead with crowds of 700 and I think to myself

'Ebbsfleet United has got a bigger fanbase than that, they can be in the mid-table area, so we can do that'.

"This is a quality football team Liam [Daish] has put together. He's a good manager and it is surprising that he's been at the club for over six years now, but I know Liam over that period of time has developed a soft spot for Ebbsfleet United."

The Fleet's achievement of bouncing back to the Premier at the first time of asking is little short of remarkable. Left without a single contracted player at the end of last season, Daish saw the majority of his squad drift away and built a completely new side late in the summer. Leading that team to promotion has seen Daish's managerial stock soar, but despite the attentions of so-called bigger clubs, he is set to sign a new contract at Stonebridge Road.



LEADER: Fleet manager Liam Daish

"Getting players in can be hard but we took our time, we held our nerve and we got the right ones," he said.

"There's always luck in anything you achieve, but 99 per cent of the success this year has been down to players working hard for each other."

"Yes, going up will be a challenge, but I've got a set of players, hopefully, that will go into there being winners, having a winning mentality."

Picture: DAVE PLUMB

ATHLETICS

Titles won at champs

HUNDREDS of athletes met at the Julie Rose Stadium last weekend for the Kent County Athletics Championships.

Both men's sprint titles were won by athletes from outside of Kent, but Dartford Harriers' Claire Capon was the pick of the women, winning gold in the 100 metres and silver in the 200m, behind Medway & Maidstone's Yasmin Joseph.

Elaine Murty took both the 800m and 1500m, while fellow Blackheath & Bromley Harrier Shaunagh Brown was unopposed in the discus and shot.

One of the best performances came from Tonbridge's Robbie Farnham-Rose who, competing as an under-20, was edged out for silver in the senior men's 1500m by club-mate Steve Fennell.

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FOOTBALL

A season of ups and downs ends for county clubs

DAVID PRITCHARD looks back at yet another eventful non-league campaign



Picture: DAVE COULDRIDGE

CONFERENCE SOUTH



EBBSFLEET UNITED: 3rd (promoted via play-offs)

FEARS of a spell in the wilderness following relegation proved unfounded as Liam Daish again built a team out of nothing. The best away record in the division guided them safely into the play-offs, where they convincingly saw off Chelmsford and Farnborough to bounce straight back. **9/10**



WELLING UNITED: 6th

CONSIDERING the turmoil over the club's financial difficulties, which incurred a five-point penalty, Jamie Day's threadbare squad defied the division's bigger names until the very end, when they narrowly missed out on the play-offs. **8/10**



DOVER ATHLETIC: 7th

DIZZYING highs saw Dover memorably beat Gillingham and Aldershot in the FA Cup, but a baffling lack of home success saw a succession of minnows leave Crabble with points, costing the Whites a place in the play-offs. **7/10**



DARTFORD: 10th

A DECENT season of consolidation. Runs in the FA Trophy and FA Cup were distractions, but any fears of a relegation battle evaporated with a terrific run from January. **7/10**



BROMLEY: 11th

The Lillywhites won their first seven league games, remaining in the play-off mix until January, when manager Mark Goldberg quit, and the club won just three of their last 16 games. **6/10**

RYMAN PREMIER



TONBRIDGE ANGELS: 2nd (promoted via play-offs)

Team of the season. A talented squad bombed in the opening weeks, forcing manager Tommy Warrilow to make radical changes. It paid off, with the Angels climbing from rock bottom to finish second. Impossibly dramatic play-off wins against Harrow and Lowestoft sealed promotion. **9/10**



CRAY WANDERERS: 9th

Surviving on meagre attendances, the Wanderers continue to punch well above their weight. Laurent Hamici's goals saw them mount a play-off campaign, but were squeezed out in the final weeks. **7/10**



MARGATE: 16th

After earning reprieves from relegation in the previous two seasons, 16th place merits a degree of progress in an otherwise uninspiring campaign. Chris Kinnear's return at least gives fans optimism for next season. **5/10**

THRILLER: Tonbridge Angels were promoted through the Ryman Premier play-offs



MAIDSTONE UNITED: 20th (relegated)

Andy Ford's revolving door selection backfired in a campaign where the Stones were never out of the bottom six. Jay Saunders' inspired appointment came too late to avoid relegation. **3/10**



FOLKESTONE INVICTA: 22nd (relegated)

AFTER pulling off an unlikely promotion 12 months ago, it was always going to be a struggle. Strict financial controls prevented Neil Cugley from strengthening the squad, and it showed. **5/10**

RYMAN SOUTH



FAVERSHAM TOWN: 8th

FINISHING the campaign as the top Kent side in the division was a notable achievement on debut, although manager Justin Luchford was not there to see it, walking away after falling out with the board in March. **7/10**



RAMSGATE: 9th

JIM Ward came under pressure after a poor start. An upsurge in form in the spring saw them mount a tilt at the play-offs, but ultimately there was too much ground to make up. **6/10**



SITTINGBOURNE: 11th

BUSINESS as usual as Gary Abbott was hampered by budget cuts as crowds continue to dwindle. The Brickies did well to keep a team together, but the future remains uncertain. **7/10**



WHITSTABLE TOWN: 15th

A TYPICALLY slow start gave way to a winter of anxiety, prompting the board to replace Mark Lane with Peter Nott. The new boss helped steer Town to safety with a late surge. **6/10**



CHATHAM TOWN: 21st (relegated)

RESULTS worsened after Christmas as the Chats were drawn into a relegation battle, with Paul Foley quitting with three games remaining. Caretaker Kevin Watson got results, but it was too late. **3/10**



KENT LEAGUE

HYTHE TOWN 1st (promoted)

A TERRIFIC season justified the significant investment in the club. Town reached the FA Cup first round and then pipped Herne Bay to league on goal difference. **9/10**

TRANSFER TALK...

THE dust has barely settled on the football season but most clubs are keen to get on with preparations for next season as the first deals of the summer were completed this week.

Dover Athletic were the first of the county's Conference South clubs to show their hand. Midfielder **Shane Huke** joined from Conference Premier side Rushden & Diamonds, while manager Martin Hayes gave five players in his squad until Sunday to sign new contracts or face being released.

Dartford have wasted little time either, signing Dover midfielder **Jon Wallis**, and announcing eight players had resigned for another season and releasing a group of five which featured striker **Carl Rook**.

The ink is also dry on four new contracts at **Welling**, which include former Gillingham strikers **Luis Cumbers** and **Andy Pugh**.

Whitstable have lost two players to local Ryman South rivals. **Michael Yianni** became **Faversham Town's** first addition of the close season, while **Lloyd Blackman** agreed to link up with Kent League champions **Hythe Town**, which manager Scott Porter felt shows the club's ambition to do more than just survive.

COUNTDOWN TO THE OPEN

53 DAYS: The legendary Walter Hagen won four Open titles during the 1920s but struggled with Deal's Royal Cinque Ports in 1920, finishing a lowly 53rd

A HOST of big names will be in Texas on Monday attempting to claim one of eight places for The Open Championship at Royal St George's in July.

The penultimate International Final Qualifying event at Gleneagles Country Club, Plano, has attracted a strong field for the 36-hole competition.

Ranked 40th in the world, Brandt Snedeker, who beat Luke Donald in a play-off to win The Heritage tournament on the PGA Tour last month, is statistically the best

player in the 78-strong field.

Anthony Kim and JB Holmes, who have both played at the Ryder Cup, will also be contenders, along with the vastly experienced former major winners Mike Weir and David Love III.

It is not just players from North America trying their luck, with Spain's Sergio Garcia and Andres Romero from Argentina among the other big names from the sport hoping to book their place in the field for The Open at Sandwich, which begins on July 14.

Elsewhere, thousands of golf fans are expected to flock to the London Golf Club this weekend to get up close to a host of household names.

Ryder Cup winning captain Colin Montgomerie is the headline act, while Ian Woosnam, Darren Clarke and Retief Goosen are among the players involved with Golf LIVE, which is being held at the course near Ash for the first time.

The event, held from Friday to Sunday, allows golfers to learn from master classes hosted by the pros, alongside a junior academy and a

chance to try the latest equipment.

Montgomerie said: "No other golf event gives you the same unrivalled access to the professionals, tips from the experts, and one-to-one interaction with some of the world's best manufacturers."

"Golf LIVE 2011 is a great event for any fan to watch, learn and improve their game whether they are a complete novice or a regular club golfer that needs to shave an extra stroke off their handicap."

Tickets for the event can be purchased on the day.



Picture: ADY KERRY

HOPEFUL: Sergio Garcia is at Open qualifying

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SPORTWITH KENT CRICKET CAPTAIN **ROB KEY**'Cardiff
defeat
was
a real
low
point'

LOSING against Glamorgan inside three days in our last LV= County Championship match, at Cardiff, was in many ways the low point of my career. It is the sort of result that just didn't happen before in my time with Kent.

Everyone knows there are good reasons for our early-season struggles, but members and supporters also expect us to do well and I understand that. As captain, though, I can't tell you how frustrating it is to be missing so many important players just when you need them most.

Against Glamorgan, for instance, I found myself thinking in the field about how differently that match would have turned out if Robbie Joseph and Simon Cook had both been part of our attack.

That's no slight on those guys who were there, because they all did very well, especially when you consider that most of them probably should not have been bowling, or even playing, because of injury niggles themselves.

Matt Coles should have been easing his way back from injury in a second XI match, but due to circumstances he just had to bite the bullet and come straight back into first-team action. The same could be said of Dewald Nel, who was playing his first match for us since the last game of last season. Darren Stevens, too, has performed heroics with the ball in the early weeks of this summer, but all the overs he has had to bowl – many of them with the new ball – have taken a toll on his body.

But that Cardiff pitch was quite sporty, and with our first-choice attack I would have backed us to beat Glamorgan every time. As batsmen we have struggled so far this season to post big enough totals, but conditions have been tricky and 250 on that pitch was a decent effort anyway and with Joseph, Cook and others fully fit we would have had more firepower than they had.

It was not to be, however, and I am just glad that we did not have another championship game this past week. The three-day match against Loughborough MCCU at Canterbury allowed us instead to have a look at a number of our Academy players, and it importantly enabled the likes of Stevens, Geraint Jones, Martin van Jaarsveld and myself to have a few days off. We are all carrying niggles and needed some time off to get ourselves refreshed for the two vitally important championship home games which come up now before we begin our Twenty20 Cup programme.

We are obviously hoping that Joseph and Cook, plus Joe Denly, have recovered from their injuries to play in both the Derbyshire and Leicestershire games. We knew this would be a tough year, but it's been worse than that so far and we can only hope fortunes change around very soon. Everyone is totally determined to get us back to where we want to be – but it would be good to be picking from strength for once.

■ **Rob Key, the Kent captain and former England batsman, is one of Archant KOS Media's regular sports columnists**

CRICKET

Kennedy hints overseas
star not out the question

EXCLUSIVE

By Glenn Pearson

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AN OVERSEAS player for this season's Friends Provident t20 could still be a possibility for Kent as the county look to maximise the use of the club's improved facilities before the competition is trimmed next year.

The cash-strapped county couldn't afford to start the season with an overseas player and were hopeful they could save some money by going without one this summer, instead relying on a small squad bolstered by several youngsters from the club's Academy.

Indeed, chairman George Kennedy was adamant during the winter and pre-season the club would not risk its financial future to sign an expensive international star.

However, with the need to make the most of eight home t20 fixtures this year before it's scaled down to just five next summer, coupled with Kent's disappointing start to the season, an overseas signing could help bring the crowds in and improve their fortunes on the field.

It's meant a more relaxed stance on the county's policy on an overseas player, with Kennedy for the first time admitting Kent may well be in the market to sign someone for the



HOPE: Kent want to make the most of their improved facilities during this year's t20 competition

20-over competition.

"It will depend very much on how the club performs over the next couple of weeks," he said.

"We've got nobody in mind, but if an opportunity came along that was affordable we'd certainly look at it, but we don't have any immediate plans to sign any big overseas stars right now. If someone wanted to come along and sponsor one that would be useful. Having got the finances towards get-

ting into shape I think it would be a pity to blow it now.

"This year is the best chance we have to make money from the home t20 matches, next year it's being cut back a little bit, we are still trying to see if we can get that changed, but it's not looking very encouraging. So this year is an important one as far as Kent is concerned."

The chairman says he is concerned about Kent's start to the season, but has urged patience

while the county's youngsters bed into the side.

"The fact is we have a youth policy and we are sticking with it," he said. "The top order hasn't been firing in the way that they would like, but it's early days and I'm not despondent. We could definitely do with a boost in the bowling department, if everyone was fit I wouldn't be so worried but we have so many blessed injuries that it makes it quite tough."

CRICKET

Coach backs misfiring batters
to turn Kent's fortunes around

BACKING: Paul Farbrace says Kent's batsmen are working hard and will return to form soon

KENT'S director of cricket, Paul Farbrace, has backed his under-fire batsmen to come good after a miserable start to the season that has seen the club slump to the bottom of LV= County Championship Division Two.

An innings defeat at Glamorgan was Kent's fourth loss in a row, prompting skipper Rob Key to describe it as a "low point in his career". While injuries to a squad already too few in numbers has no doubt played a part, it's the form of Kent's batsmen that has been the biggest cause for concern for members and supporters. On paper, with the likes of Key, Martin van Jaarsveld, Geraint Jones and Darren Stevens, Kent have a powerful batting line-up, but one score of more than 300 in 10 championship innings tells its own story.

Farbrace, however, has defended Kent's batsmen, insisting they are working hard to turn things around.

"I do understand people's frustrations but it's easy just to blame the bats-

men," he said. "They are not stupid, they know they have not scored enough runs and they have got to dig a bit deeper at times, but if it was a lack of effort and hard work then no problem whatsoever.

"But it's not. It will turn and it will come our way. We do have some good players and the supporters and members have got to keep believing in them."

Farbrace publicly criticised Kent's bowling attack after the defeat in Cardiff, but felt it was justified, particularly when he got the response he was after in last Sunday's thrilling two-wicket victory at Headingley against Yorkshire Carnegie in the Clydesdale Bank 40.

The county's youngsters had a chance to showcase their potential in the game against Loughborough MCCU this week with Sam Northeast, skipping a youthful Kent side, crafting a career-best 176, while Daniel Bell-Drummond, making his debut first-class appearance, hit 80 and all-rounder Matt Coles recorded figures of 5 for 29.

BOXING

Dethroned Webb calls out Arron for title rematch

By Steve Tervet

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SAM Webb has challenged Prince Arron to step into the ring with him for a second time after losing his British light-middleweight crown under what he felt were "unjust" circumstances in front of the TV cameras at Medway Park.

An epic contest last Friday was called to a halt inside the final round with Webb taking serious punishment, but the Chislehurst fighter insists Arron had only beaten him at half-strength and now wants a chance to win back the title.

Webb's eardrum was perforated when Arron put him on the canvas with a big right-hand in the fifth round, causing the 30-year-old difficulty in keeping his balance for the rest of the fight.

Despite a spirited fightback, which had the 1,200 Gillingham crowd on their feet, Webb always looked shaky after that blow and the Droylsden boxer clinched victory when he unloaded a series of powerful shots in round 12.

Webb was taken to hospital as a precaution, but admitted his pride had taken the greatest beating and said he had unfinished business with the new champion.

"I've asked for a rematch," he said. "It's not normally the way I go about things and I've never done it before, but I feel I have to, because it was unjust. He's going to take a lot of credit and I don't feel like it's deserved. I got a perforated eardrum and I had no balance at all, so every time he caught me, he was knocking me for six."

"Fair play to him for doing what he did, but he's only beaten me at 50 per cent. When I was at 100 per cent, he couldn't lay a glove on me."

"Everyone said 'how did you get off the floor?' but I've always known I was capable of doing things like that since I was a kid. I had fights in

school, I took beatings and kept coming back, so it's not like it was something unknown to me."

Webb's promoter, Frank Maloney, said: "I think it could prove to be the best fight of the year, but unfortunately that doesn't help Sam Webb. He was very brave and for anyone who hadn't been to boxing before, they'll definitely come back after that."

"We'll come back [to the venue] if we get the right fights, but the problem is we didn't get the right results. We've got to look at the overall picture because unfortunately we lost a champion and Tom Dallas didn't look as good as he should have looked."

Maloney felt the show was a success and said the Sky Sports team had been impressed by the quality of boxing, but his disappointment at Webb's defeat was compounded by the unconvincing nature of Dallas' win against Zack Page.

The Chatham heavyweight preserved his unbeaten professional record, but won few admirers during an eight-round contest he later described as "boring". Page left the ring distraught after finding himself on the wrong end of a 78-76 score, but Gillingham referee Ian John-Lewis defended his decision to award Dallas the win.

"It was difficult to score, because Tom was going forward a lot and the other guy was making him miss," he said. "He didn't work hard enough, that was the nuts of it. He was obviously a bit wary of [Dallas'] power and size, but after a few rounds, he was right in it. Tom should have done better, though, he should have taken it to the other guy and worked him more."

Elsewhere on the undercard, Swanley's Martin Welsh was stopped by English light-welterweight champion Brian Rose in the eighth round, while Crayford cruiserweight Menay Edwards beat John Anthony on points.



Pictures: IGOR KUPCO



BLOW: Frank Maloney (left) endured a disappointing night at Medway Park as he saw Sam Webb (above) lose his title to Prince Arron after Tom Dallas (below) had struggled to overcome Zack Page



Picture: ADY KERRY

FOOTBALL

Gillingham to offer incentive-based deals to stop players losing focus mid-season

BONUSES will be built into contracts drawn up by Gillingham this summer to ensure players stay hungry throughout the season.

Plans to rebuild the squad for a stronger promotion challenge are well underway at Priestfield, with the five players offered new contracts expected to make their decisions by the end of this week.

Once the club know whether Adebayo Akinfenwa, Andy Barcham, Kevin Maher, Joe Martin and Chris Palmer are staying, the areas which need strengthening this summer will become clearer.

But the deals offered to

the quintet and new targets during the close season will be structured differently than previously. Gills boss Andy Hessenthaler is keen to guard against players falling short, so intends to hand out contracts with a lower basic wage, supplemented by performance-related bonuses.

The concept of being happy to train and not play may be anathema to Hessenthaler, but he feels such a system is needed to keep present-day players focused.

"Sometimes it's too easy [for players] not to play," he said. "Contracts need to be more incentive based – by appearances

to give them bigger carrots to earn their money. Incentives keep the players hungry."

"The game has changed now from when I played, I wanted to play. I think the money has gone out of control at the highest level and it's too easy not to play because they're earning good salaries."

"It's not about football anymore, that's how the game's gone a bit. The one thing we're trying to do is get the right sort of players, do a proper character reference to make sure they are going to fit in."

With the club preparing for a second successive campaign in the fourth tier, Hessenthaler

is working to a reduced wage bill, but insists it will not be a problem.

He said: "The budget's probably not what it was last season, but we can still find the right players. Of course we'll be competitive, we just have to pick and choose carefully and do things the right way."

The pre-season programme is advancing quickly. There are six friendly games agreed so far, beginning away to Kent League side Erith & Belvedere on July 12.

A game at Priestfield against Millwall on July 23 is the highlight so far, while Dartford and Ebbsfleet also feature.

DECISION: Adebayo Akinfenwa is one of five players offered deals



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